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U.S. Term Limits Condemns Nebraska Senator Friend for Introducing Bill that Would Gut Term Limits

January 21st, 2009, Fairfax, VA—U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel today strongly condemned Nebraska Senator Mike Friend (R-10th District) for introducing legislation that would gut term limits on the state legislature by amending the number of terms for members of the legislature from two to three.

“Senator Friend has chosen to defy the will of Nebraskans, who in 2000 voted to enact term limits for senators by 56 percent of the vote,” said Blumel.

“It is time for these politicians to get the message that once their time in office has been served, it is time to step aside,” he added.

The current law places two four-year terms on the State Senate, and took effect in 2008.

“It is no coincidence that once many legislators currently serving are term-limited, that they decide to repeal or amend term limits provisions,” Blumel contended.

“We have seen this before, and regardless of political affiliation, the motive is always the same,” Blumel noted.

The bill, [LR5CA](#), was introduced on January 13th, but has not yet been referred to a committee or brought to the floor, although Blumel believes that step may be taken soon.

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Blumel called upon Nebraskans statewide to express their outrage to [Senator Friend](#), and their support for term limits to their [individual senators](#).

“The people of Nebraska do not need to go through a wasteful ballot process that we already know the outcome of,” said Blumel.

“This process is a waste of taxpayer resources. Nebraskans have time and again affirmed their support for term limits. And the only people interested in extending terms are those currently serving in office,” Blumel concluded.

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