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U.S. Term Limits questions Senator Bennett over broken term limits pledges

May 6th, 2010, Fairfax, VA—[In a letter released today](#), U.S. Term Limits President Philip Blumel urged embattled Utah Senator Bob Bennett to explain his broken promise made in his first Senate election campaign in 1992 to only serve two terms in the U.S. Senate.

Bennett, who faces a tough convention fight this Saturday in order to force a primary election, is facing criticism based upon his failure to adhere to his original pledge to voluntarily limit his own service in office.

U.S. Term Limits, the leading national group promoting limited terms for elected officials sent the letter pointedly asking the Senator, “Given that you have not kept your word to voluntarily end your Senate service in the past, what assurances do the people of Utah have that you will not be asking for their votes again in 2016 trying to reach thirty years in office?”

Stating that the current Congress is “Exhibit A” in the case against institutionalized power that gets too comfortable in office, the letter reminded Senator Bennett that in the first 100 years of our republic the average tenure in the House of Representatives was 2.14 terms, or less than five years. While since the 1950’s, the odds of an incumbent losing an election for his or her own seat is less than 10%, creating a semi-permanent Congress.

Blumel concluded by reminding Senator Bennett that, “At some point, enough is enough, and it becomes time for fresh blood to tackle the problems of our nation from a new perspective that is not weighted down by the ‘necessary’ compromises in DC. At least that is what voters were led to believe when you promised back in 1992 that you would not serve past 2004. I will be interested to hear how you explain this broken promise.”

Attachments:

[Letter to U.S. Senator Bob Bennett](#), U.S. Term Limits, May 6th, 2010.

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