

Term Limit Amendment Proposal

The Bill of Rights was created to hold power from our government and protect American citizens' rights. The Senate was created to have equal representation for each state so that all of America had equal representation. A Senator is supposed to represent the people of his or her state. They are meant to serve the people. How can they sincerely represent the people when their term turns into a lifelong career? When they are in Washington so long that they begin to lose touch with the people, can they adequately represent his or her state? I propose an amendment that places term limits on U.S. senators. As of now, senators serve six years and then often, the incumbent is reelected again and again. Over 80 percent of Americans, according to the Program for Public Consultation (PPC), want term limits. Donald Trump, who is a republican, and Barack Obama, who is a democrat, both former presidents, who are on polar opposites of the political scale, both support term limits for senators. Senators are in office so long that they form relationships with lobbyists and interest groups. Those relationships become compromising, causing the senator to become divided in who he or she is meant to be serving. They stop serving the people's interests and worry more about pleasing those lobbyists or interest groups. Senators get in a conflict of interest between interest groups and their state. Our founding fathers created fair representation for the people because they had just escaped the rule of a

king who did not allow people in the states to be fairly represented. U.S senators, whose jobs are to justly represent the people from his or her state, must have term limits for that to happen with fidelity.

Further, how is our country supposed to be pushed to its fullest potential when we have the same people in office for forty or more years? We need new faces and new ideas in our government. U.S senators should only be allowed to serve two six-year terms. Two terms allow the senators to actually have time to accomplish something, but it is not too long to where senators begin to lose touch with the people they were elected to serve. However, if the incumbents are allowed to run over and over it discourages better qualified candidates from running for the position. Being a senator isn't meant to be a career. It's meant to be an opportunity for citizens to serve their country and make it a better place to live. Being a senator means they work for a time to ensure the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty. Senators with unlimited terms simply lose sight of these things.