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71% SAY ELECTED ELITES DON'T RELATE

Entitlement Creating a Chasm Between DC Legislatures and Electorate

80% BELIEVE TERM LIMITS COULD CORRECT THE IMBALANCE OF POWER IN DC

Americans for Term Limits Seeks to Rectify the Problem

(Washington, DC, April 28, 2022) – US senators and representative do not relate to everyday concerns and challenges, according to **71 percent** of respondents in a recent poll issued by Americans for Term Limits (ATL), a nonpartisan organization catalyzing change in DC by motivating voters and urging legislators to pass the 28th Constitutional Amendment and impose congressional term limits. Further indication of an entitlement chasm was revealed when **91 percent** of respondents indicated that they somewhat or strongly agree with the statement “politicians have grown accustomed to the spotlight and have developed a sense of entitlement that separates them from the voters who put them in office.” **Eighty percent** of respondents believe that term limits would correct the imbalance of power in DC that has been off kilter for centuries.

“These polling results reveal nothing new to our long-time supporters,” said Peter Thomas, ATL’s chairman of the board. “We have communicated with thousands of concerned citizens and commiserated about Washington’s elite that have lost touch with the reality of what’s happening beyond the Potomac. Today, we are excited to share this current data with a new, wider audience and ignite a passionate conversation, to influence mid-term elections and effect change in DC.”

With over 330 million citizens living in the US, there are only 535 people representing their collective interests in the nation’s capital - 435 representatives and 100 senators – which equates to a mere .000162 percent of the US population. This infinitesimally small subset of the population holds 100% of the power to make laws that govern the country’s social and economic agenda. Those 535 elected officials should note that **Fifty-seven percent** of poll respondents indicate that they are very or somewhat dissatisfied with their current representation in Washington. As headlines reveal historic inflation, world-unrest, insider trade deals and more unspeakable truths, citizens know for certain that Washington has evolved into a haven for career politicians that seem to have lost sight of their role to serve constituents and not special interest groups for personal favors and financial gain.

“ATL’s mission is two-fold. First, we need to generate a nation-wide fire storm of voter demand for Term Limits, making it a major theme in the mid-term election. This is a bipartisan issue, one we can all agree on and get behind,” said Steve Allen, term limits ombudsman and Americans for Term Limits board member. “Next we need to impress upon the current Congress that they will lose re-election in 2022 if they oppose Term Limits by garnering one million signed voter petitions supporting the Amendment to make the point well known on Capital Hill.”

Sadly, **54 percent** of survey respondents did not know the proposed 28th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been introduced to the House and Senate - House Joint Resolution 12 and Senate Joint Resolution. Americans for Term Limits supports these resolutions, and both feature a grandfather clause allowing current members to continue service with the new limitations, applying only to service after ratification of the amendment. The resolutions were introduced by Senator Ted Cruz (R) Texas and Representative Ralph Norman (R) South Carolina to limit the number of terms that a member of Congress may serve; Representatives would be capped at (3) two-year terms and Senators capped at (2) six-year terms. Although the resolutions were introduced by two Republicans, term limits is an issue that generates passionate, bipartisan support in Republican and Democrat circles, electorates and elected officials alike. [Click here to see 117th Congress Amendment supporters.](#)

Highlighting 11 House and Senate members, Americans for Term Limits compiled a [“Worst Offenders,”](#) list, which reveals that collectively these elected official offenders have been in office for nearly half a Millenia. Members of both parties are overstaying their welcome in DC, with Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) serving 41 years and Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) 37 years, highlighting just a few of the culprits. With **98 percent** of the registered voters polled indicating that they will or are very likely to vote in the November 2022 mid-term election, and **57 percent** of those respondents revealing that they are very or somewhat dissatisfied with their current representation in congress, the 118th Congress may look very different than 117th Congress presently residing in DC when sworn in January 2023.

Issued in March, the Americans for Term Limits survey was executed by third-party Triton Polling & Research. The automated telephone survey included 680 participants qualified as registered voters in the US from the following regions: Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific. The margin of error at 95% confidence level is +/- 3.8 percent. Fifty-four percent of respondents were female and forty-six percent male, all were registered US voters aged 18 to 85+.

Americans for Term Limits is a grass-roots nonpartisan organization created with the sole purpose of igniting a national movement, urging Congress to ratify the 28th Constitutional Amendment to limit the number of terms a U.S. Senator and Representative can serve. Efforts to increase support for term limits, the non-profit entity has set a goal to collect 1 million signed petitions to impress upon Congress to debate House Joint Resolution 12 and Senate Joint Resolution 3 and call for a vote or risk losing reelection in November. For more information visit www.americansfortermlimits.org .

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