

INSTRUCTIONS: Please sign the petition below. The Conservative Caucus will deliver this petition on your behalf to your U.S. Representative and your two U.S. Senators. We aim to bury Congress with 10,000,000 of these signed petitions.

Citizens Petition To Congress To Immediately Pass a Constitutional Amendment to Limit Terms for Congress

TO:
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As a voter in Phoenix, Arizona who votes in every election, I strongly urge you to co-sponsor and actively support the Constitutional Amendment proposed by **The Conservative Caucus** that would . . .

- 1) Require U.S. Representatives to leave the House after serving a maximum of three two-year terms in the House;
- 2) Require U.S. Senators to leave the Senate after serving a maximum of two six-year terms;

The President is limited to two terms in office. Term limits should apply to Congress as well. America's Founders envisioned a "citizen's legislature," not a permanent ruling class governing America.

In the early days of our Republic, Members of Congress usually spent just a few months in Washington legislating. They were paid a \$6 per day stipend for days they were actually legislating, then returned home to their full-time jobs as farmers, doctors, lawyers or businessmen.

Today Members of Congress have pay and benefit packages worth at least \$200,000 per year.

Few would argue that this lavish pay for Congress has attracted leaders for America on the level of a **George Washington, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson or Ben Franklin.**

Congress today is deeply corrupt – in both parties. America has become a country where people get rich by having political connections and special interests compete to contribute the most to political campaigns in the hope of gaining special "carve-outs" from the government pie.

This is not how America is supposed to work. The time has come to dismantle the arrogant, corrupt permanent ruling class in Washington, D.C. by limiting terms for Congress. I will closely watch your actions on this matter of urgent importance as we speed toward the 2020 Elections.

Sincerely,

Eric Raines

Date:

8/11/19



NATIONAL OPINION SURVEY

of 10,000,000 U.S. Taxpayers

On Whether to Limit Terms for Congress

ABOUT THIS SURVEY: The Conservative Caucus will distribute a report on the results of this survey to Members of Congress, President Trump, and the news media.

With the voter rebellion we witnessed in 2016 against a corrupt ruling class in Washington, D.C. with the election of Donald Trump as President, and now that we are speeding toward the crucial 2020 Election, you can expect the results of this enormous survey to be studied carefully by Members of Congress and elected officials all across America. It should also receive wide media coverage.

Tabulation of this survey will begin soon. So please use the enclosed reply envelope to return your completed survey and signed petition today.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please use a pen or pencil to completely fill in the circle next to the answer that most closely reflects your point of view, like this [●]. Leave answers blank for questions you prefer not to answer. Feel free to write your own answer if you do not find your view reflected in the answer options.

↓ START SURVEY HERE ↓

ISSUE SUMMARY: The Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi receives an annual salary of \$223,500 per year. The standard salary for a Member of Congress is \$174,000 per year. Members of Congress also receive a pension for up to 80 percent of their salary depending on how long they've served. They become eligible for a pension after just five years in office. They can also earn outside income of up to 15 percent of their salary. And they receive more than \$10,000 in subsidies from the taxpayers to help pay for health insurance. The total pay and benefit package for a rank-and-file Member of Congress is estimated to be worth at least \$200,000 per year. This puts every Member of Congress in the top 3 percent of Americans for income.

QUESTION #1: Do you think this level of congressional pay is justified?

Yes No Not Sure

ISSUE SUMMARY: Congress schedules about 124 days of legislating per year, compared to the average American worker who works 240 days per year. So Members of Congress are really in Washington working just half time — about 2.4 days per week..

QUESTION #2: Do you think being a Member of Congress is a difficult job?

Yes No Not Sure *Congress should telecommute & vote electronically.*

ISSUE SUMMARY: Members of Congress say they actually work very hard because even though they only work 2.4 days per week on Congressional business in Washington, they must spend the other 2.6 days (or more) meeting with constituents and raising money for their re-election campaigns.

QUESTION #3: Do you think all the time Members of Congress spend meeting with constituents and raising money is a strong point in favor of their annual pay and benefit packages in excess of \$200,000?

- This is not a strong point. Taxpayers should not be required to pay for a Member of Congress meeting with constituents and conducting fundraising activities.
- This is a strong point in favor of their extraordinarily high pay.
- Not Sure Other

Congress should keep offices in their State Capital. Leave Staff in their State at home.

ISSUE SUMMARY: Being a Member of Congress or a top Congressional staffer can be a ticket to becoming fabulously wealthy as a lobbyist. According to OpenSecrets.org, 427 former Members of Congress are now corporate lobbyists. In addition, almost 5,400 former Congressional staffers have left Capitol Hill to become federal lobbyists in just 10 years. One report found that Members of Congress get a **1,452%** pay raise on average when they become lobbyists. Former Congressman Billy Tauzin as just one example, was paid almost **\$5 MILLION** per year to lobby for drug companies.

QUESTION #4: Should Members of Congress, Congressional staff and government officials be prohibited by law from accepting a job as a paid lobbyist for at least seven years after leaving office?

- Yes No No Opinion

Prohibit Lobbying!! *Limit term to 12yrs: Senate: 2-6yr House: 6-2yr*

QUESTION #5: If we had such a law, do you think this would help make our government more honest and less corrupt?

- Yes No Not Sure

If they conducted business in their State only

ISSUE SUMMARY: A century ago, Washington, D.C. was a relatively small and sleepy town. Today, the Washington, D.C. area has an estimated population of 6,000,000 and is the fastest growing and richest metropolitan area in America. Of the top 10 richest counties in America, six are in the Washington, D.C. suburbs.

QUESTION #6: Do you think our federal government in Washington, D.C. has become too big and too rich?

- Yes No Not Sure


Cut budgets of non-defense 5%/annum Gov 10

ISSUE SUMMARY: From 1789 to 1815, Members of Congress received a daily honoraria payment of \$6 while in session. They were paid \$8 per day while in session from 1818 to 1855. Congress was typically in session legislating a few months each year. America's Founding Fathers envisioned that being a Member of Congress would be a part-time job.

QUESTION #7: Would you like to see Congress go back to being a "citizen's legislature" as it was at the beginning, when Members of Congress had other full-time jobs and were paid just a modest daily honoraria for days when they were actually legislating?

- Yes, I would like to return to that — when serving in Congress really was public service (much like jury duty), not a way to get rich. I think it's healthy for Members of Congress to actually have to go back to their communities and businesses to live under the laws they pass for the rest of us.
- No, I think we're better off with the system that's developed today.
- Not Sure Other

Staff already does the work & writes the laws that Members don't read. Leave Members home to telecommute with Staff.

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QUESTION #8: Will you send your best donation right now to help fund this major national advertising, media and grassroots lobbying campaign The Conservative Caucus is conducting to generate overwhelming, continuous and relentless voter pressure on Congress to support **President Trump's** call to immediately pass a Constitutional Amendment to Limit Terms for Congress?

- Yes . . .** because this will be an important step in fixing what has become a broken and corrupt political system in Washington.
- No . . .** because I think America is better off being governed by people who make politics and lobbying for special interests their lifelong career.

Immediate Donation Reply

To Help Fund This National Campaign to Limit Terms for Congress

Dear Peter,

- I have signed my Citizens Petition to Congress** on the front of this booklet. Please deliver it on my behalf to my U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators.
- I have completed my survey inside this booklet.** Please include my answers in a report on the overall tabulated results you will deliver to Members of Congress, **President Trump** and news organizations.
- I am including my minimum **\$10 Petition & Survey Processing Contribution** to help cover the cost of delivering my Petition and tabulating my Survey answers for Congress.
- I am also including an additional donation (above and beyond my **\$10 Petition & Survey Processing Contribution**) to help fund this important national advertising, media and grassroots lobbying campaign you described in your letter aimed at generating overwhelming and relentless voter pressure on Congress to immediately pass this Constitutional Amendment to Limit Terms for Congress. My additional donation is enclosed in the amount of . . .

- \$15 \$20 \$30 \$50 \$100
- \$250 \$500 Other Donation Amount \$ _____

Total Donation Enclosed:

\$10 Petition & Survey Processing Donation + Additional Gift \$ _____ = **TOTAL GIFT \$** _____

Please write your donation check to: **The Conservative Caucus (or just TCC)**

Donations are not tax-deductible because TCC is pressuring Congress to pass Term Limits for Congress.

Credit Card Donation Option:

- Please put \$ _____ on my:
- Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

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Thank you for doing your part to help President Donald J. Trump "Drain the Swamp" in Washington, DC . . . and to make Congress a "citizen's legislature" again!