



In Support of Term Limits

With sadness, I will resolutely support a constitutional amendment limiting the terms of members of the U. S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

“With sadness,” because I believe that the founding fathers never envisioned the relatively recently occurring phenomenon of “career” politicians. They expected, I believe, that legislation would be created by *citizen* politicians - everyday working folks who left their jobs, lands, or businesses for a period of time to craft laws and supervise the intended functions of the federal government as prescribed by the U.S. Constitution; common Americans endowed with wisdom from real-world experience and a basic understanding of the implications and consequences of the laws they would create – and under which they would live when they returned to their daily lives.

“Resolutely,” because those days are disappearing, it seems, and we have a pox on the land called “career politicians.” Good folks, most of them; men and women who went to Washington with the best of intentions to serve their fellow man. But the longer they stayed, the more their universe changed, from the fields, plants, offices, schools, and factories of home to the marbled steps and hallways, limos, elegant parties and TV cameras of Washington, D.C. Political favor and power became more important than hometown favor and praise.

So we must adjust. Our founding fathers did foresee the need for adjustments and provided for them. Wisely, adjustments aren’t easy and they require a clear and overwhelming agreement of the people.

It’s time to adjust, so I am supporting the following term limits:

U.S. House of Representatives: six two-year terms (12 years)

U.S. Senate: two six-year terms (12 years)

Total served in both the House and Senate: 12 years

Further, I have pledged to limit myself to only two terms (12 years) in the U.S. Senate.

Among the incumbents in the U.S. Senate race in Arkansas:

- Congressman John Boozman (R) – now serving his 5th term in the U. S. House of Representatives. Does not support term limits.
- Senator Blanche Lincoln (D) – Served four years in the U.S. House of Representatives and now running for her third term in the U.S. Senate. Does not support term limits.