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House Joint Resolution 13 *Federal Term Limits*

Sponsor Statement

Americans continue to raise concerns about a disconnection by Washington D.C. politicians who have become less responsive to the evolving needs and concerns of their constituents. By polling data, 84% of Alaskans support having term limits for members of congress. The power of incumbency is clear with members of congress raising an average of 5 times as much money as their challengers and winning re-election 94% of the time. Enacting term limits is a highly popular policy and is essential to encourage fresh perspectives in government, address the developing challenges of our country, and curb the ever-growing power of congress.

HJR 13 utilizes article V of the United States constitution and calls for a convention of the states to amend the constitution by setting term limits on members of Congress in both the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate. This resolution also calls for legislatures of the other 49 states to join in calling Congress for a convention of the states.

I urge my fellow colleagues of the 33rd legislature to support this legislation and help enact term limits on members of Congress.