



# DUEY STROEBEL

STATE SENATOR • 20<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

## Testimony on Senate Joint Resolution 102

February 17, 2022

Good morning Senator Felzkowski and colleagues of the Senate Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection. I am here to testify in favor of Senate Joint Resolution 102. SJR 102 is functionally identical to SJR 12, which we heard at length on March 24<sup>th</sup> of last year.

In the intervening time between this committee voting SJR 12 out of committee and last month, the Assembly author communicated he wished to step back from the Article V issue and not be the lead on the proposal. I wanted to respect his request by not advancing a joint resolution containing his name. Due to the importance of this issue, I am unwilling to give up on advancing a term limits resolution this session. Therefore, I introduced SJR 102 with Representative Knodl.

I believe term limits would do a lot of good in Washington DC. I will not spend a lot of the committee's time re-debating what we already heard last year. Thank you for your consideration.

**Testimony from Kenn Quinn with U.S. Term Limits in Support of SJR102**  
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Dear Chairman Stroebel and distinguished committee members,

My name is Kenn Quinn and I am a Regional Director with U.S. Term Limits. I am here today to testify in support of SJR102 not only on behalf of our organization, **but more importantly on behalf of the 82% of the American people** who want Congressional Term Limits (*see attached survey*).

I would like to provide you an analogy that one of our volunteers, Mike Riley used in describing the problem we have with Congress. When we travel or dine out, do we choose a one-star hotel or restaurant to go to? Of course not, we will choose one that has good ratings and this is a choice merely for a temporary need for a hotel room or a meal. Now, if we were to choose a Congress, would we intentionally elect a one-star Congress? Of course not, but that is what we have, and we have had a one-star Congress for a very long time.

The latest approval rating of Congress through the month of 1/22 is 18%, less than one-star. I went back an entire decade and we have been stuck with a Congress that has an approval rating of 18%. Now, this rating is not for a temporary need as a hotel room or a meal, this rating is for the very body we elect to represent us and make the laws we must live under which effect every aspect of our lives on a daily basis. In essence, the American people have been stuck with a one-star Congress for a decade and the reason we cannot change that condition is because the system is designed to protect the Incumbent Party that controls the power in Washington D.C.

It is time that we check out of this one-star Congress and allow the American people to have a Congress that is more attentive to their needs and closer to the people. Only by limiting the number of terms members of Congress can serve, will we begin to address the real problem of the Incumbent Party in Washington D.C.; the love of power and money. The American people deserve better and we demand better.

**Some of the Many Benefits of a Congressional Term Limits Amendment:**

- Provide fair and competitive elections making it possible for ordinary people to win seats.
- Allow more people from a variety of backgrounds to participate in our government.
- Give voters more choices at the ballot box which will also help to increase voter participation.
- Send new people with fresh ideas to Congress to fix the problems Congress refuses to fix.
- Reduce big money in politics because currently 97% of corporate PAC money goes to incumbents.
- Fulfill the will of the American people who have been demanding term limits for decades.

Congress refuses to propose a Term Limits Amendment and that is the reason we are turning to the state legislatures around the country to do this on behalf of the American people. I encourage you to please vote to pass SJR102 and let's finally check out of this one-star Congress.

Sincerely,

Kenn Quinn  
U.S. Term Limits

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# 82% FAVOR TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Posted on October 11, 2021 | by Laura Lington

Eighty-two percent (82%) of voters believe it would be a good idea to place term limits on Members of Congress. A Scott Rasmussen national survey found that 9% disagree and 9% are not sure.

The totals include 53% who Strongly Agree that placing term limits on Members of Congress would be a good idea. Just 3% who Strongly Disagree.

This is one of the few political issues that unites voters from every corner of the nation. Term limits are supported by at least two-thirds (68%) of every measured demographic group.

From a partisan perspective, 87% of Republicans favor term limits along with 83% of Democrats and 78% of Independent voters.

*Note: Neither Scott Rasmussen, ScottRasmussen.com, nor RMG Research, Inc. have any affiliation with Rasmussen Reports. While Scott Rasmussen founded that firm, he left more than seven years ago and has had no involvement since that time.*

## Methodology

The survey of 1,200 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on October 5-6, 2021. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 2.8 percentage points.

Scott Rasmussen National Survey of 1,200 Registered Voters  
Conducted October 5-6, 2021

Please let me know if you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:  
It would be a good idea to place term limits on Members of Congress.

	Gender		Age					Race					Party					How-Way-Chose					Residence					College					Income				
	Total	Men	Women	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	Rep	Dem	Other	Mod	Lib	Green	Third	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Other	None	Some	College	Post	Post	<50k	50k-100k	100k-150k	150k+			
Strongly Agree	53%	58%	49%	37%	44%	57%	53%	56%	61%	37%	79%	44%	83%	45%	90%	67%	68%	46%	36%	+8%	71%	64%	65%	43%	19%	85%	46%	57%	45%	56%	66%	62%	52%	58%	56%	43%	
Somewhat Agree	29%	27%	31%	39%	32%	28%	26%	29%	27%	31%	38%	28%	24%	25%	28%	24%	27%	28%	30%	16%	18%	35%	33%	38%	27%	30%	35%	27%	31%	25%	30%	32%	29%	27%	31%	33%	
Somewhat Disagree	8%	8%	6%	8%	11%	3%	6%	3%	4%	10%	13%	2%	0%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	1%	6%	6%	6%	6%	13%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	3%	3%	3%	5%	5%	7%	1%	
Strongly Disagree	3%	2%	3%	4%	6%	1%	0%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	9%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	8%	
Not Sure	9%	7%	11%	12%	8%	11%	11%	4%	5%	18%	16%	21%	8%	7%	14%	6%	7%	19%	12%	7%	4%	3%	6%	16%	38%	9%	7%	8%	14%	6%	7%	4%	11%	7%	4%	15%	

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