

I am writing in support of HCR 3036 to impose term limits on how many years you can serve. Our founding fathers, in their great wisdom, believed in governance by citizens representing a variety of views, opinions, and walks of life in order to cobble together public policies and laws that represent everyone. Sadly, this is not where we are today. By not turning over these positions more frequently, we are limited to the same opinions, same ideas, we limit our perspectives, and are stuck in the same old way of doing things, which clearly is not working.

Everyone knows an incumbent has a tremendous advantage over a challenger most of the time. It is difficult enough to get people who want to serve and represent the people. Open seats up for grabs because representatives term-limit out would surely bring some new blood, and new ideas into our policy-making decisions.

Having spent a decent amount of time lately at the capital, and I get a very distinct feeling that a large number of our “representatives” feel as though they rule the people instead of serving the people. I believe term limits is a decent start at reversing this trend. As an added bonus, term limits might just make political party affiliations less important than representing the will of who sent you there.