

Chair, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Les Chamblee, and I serve as the Regional Director for U.S. Term Limits. I'm here today in support of S.J.R. No. 6.

Let me start with a point that often causes confusion:

We are an effort to compel Congress to preemptively report out a constitutional amendment. Our approach acknowledges and respects historical precedent: Congress has repeatedly preempted when enough states clamor for an amendment.

We are not the Convention of States Project. Their effort is a multi-subject Article V convention call — it's right there in their name. U.S. Term Limits has one narrow objective: a single amendment imposing term limits on Congress. We use this preemption process to push Congress to enact the will of the people.

This is not just our position. Republican U.S. Senators Bernie Moreno, Rand Paul, and Dave McCormick have all put this in writing on U.S. Senate letterhead: narrow, single-purpose convention calls must be preempted.

Additionally, Ohio Democratic Congressman Greg Landsman and former Congressman David Trone, who serves as the National Co-Chair of U.S. Term Limits, have issued similar written statements reinforcing the same conclusion.

As we reach 30 or 31 convention calls, Congress will be shaking in their shoes, worried that a convention consisting almost entirely of state legislators might make the amendment prospective — or even retroactive — potentially creating open seats for themselves. Congress will have no choice but to preempt and report out an amendment that grandfathers themselves in.

S.J.R. No. 6 meets the constitutional standard: it is narrow, clear, and focused solely on congressional term limits.

I respectfully ask this committee to vote favorably and allow Ohio to join the states pressing for a clean, precise term-limits amendment.

Thank you for your time.

I'd be glad to answer any questions.