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Let's talk about something that's long overdue: term limits for Congress. This is not some radical new idea; it's common sense. But here's the problem: Congress will never, under any normal circumstances, vote to limit its own power. It's like expecting a group of foxes to put a lock on the henhouse. That's not going to happen.

First, let's establish why term limits are necessary. Congress was never meant to be a career. The Founding Fathers envisioned public service as a duty—something you do for a short time before returning to private life. But today, we have politicians who have spent decades in office, accumulating power and influence far beyond what any one person should wield.

This has led to stagnation, corruption, and a total disconnect between Washington, D.C., and the American people. Incumbents have a massive advantage in elections, making it nearly impossible for fresh ideas and new leaders to break through. The result? A government that serves itself rather than the people.

Let's be real: expecting Congress to vote for term limits is like expecting a billionaire to voluntarily give up their wealth. It goes against human nature. Power is addictive, and once politicians get a taste, they will do whatever it takes to hold on to it.

Sure, some individual members support term limits. But the institution as a whole? It has no incentive to change. That's why every attempt to pass a term limits amendment through the normal legislative process has failed.

The Founders were brilliant. They knew there might come a time when the federal government would become too entrenched, too self-serving, and too unwilling to reform itself. So they gave the states a way to bypass Congress and propose amendments directly: Article V of the Constitution.

Under Article V, if two-thirds of the states (34) call for a convention, they can propose constitutional amendments. Those amendments then have to be ratified by three-fourths of the states (38), ensuring broad national support.

Now, here's where it gets interesting. We don't actually have to go all the way to a convention. We just have to get close.

Congress is terrified of an Article V Convention. Why? Because it takes power out of their hands. If a convention is called, the states, not Congress, get to decide what amendments are proposed. That means Washington loses control of the process, and politicians don't like losing control. If we get close to actually calling a convention, Congress will panic and propose its own version of term limits to make sure they can grandfather in sitting legislators (like they did with Pres. Truman on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment), something they know won't happen if the states are running the show. And that, my friends, is how we get what we want without an actual convention.

Historically, whenever an Article V movement gains serious traction, Congress acts preemptively to stop it. It happened with the 17th Amendment, which allowed for the direct election of senators. The states were pushing hard for an Article V Convention, and rather than let that happen, Congress caved and passed the amendment itself.

The same thing could happen with term limits. If we get close, say 30 or 32 states on board, Congress will see the writing on the wall and act to prevent a convention. They'll propose a term limits amendment themselves just to keep control of the situation.

So what do we do? Simple. We push as hard as possible for an Article V Convention specifically to propose term limits. We get state legislatures to pass resolutions calling for it. We build momentum, apply pressure, and make it clear that this movement isn't going away.

Politicians will fight it. They'll use fear tactics, claiming a convention could go "out of control" and rewrite the entire Constitution. Nonsense. Any amendment still has to be ratified by 38 states, so there's no way anything crazy gets through.

But as the number of states signing on increases, Congress will realize they have two choices: let the convention happen and lose control, or propose term limits themselves to head it off. And history tells us they will choose the latter.

This is a strategy built on leverage. We don't beg Congress to do the right thing, we force them to. By pushing for an Article V Convention, we create the conditions necessary for Congress to act out of self-preservation. And when that happens, we win.

This is not just a theory. It has worked before, and it can work again. Term limits are one of the few issues that unite Americans across party lines. The only thing standing in the way is an entrenched political class that won't give up power unless we make them.

So let's make them. Let's push for an Article V Convention. Let's build momentum. And let's make Congress so afraid of losing control that they do the right thing...not because they want to, but because they have no choice.