

early 1980s, and I was appalled.

As a result, incumbent Congressmen were able to spend nine times more money on their campaigns than challengers in 1990.

We need to return to the idea of the "citizen legislator". And the only way to do that is by limiting terms for Congress.

Congress's tax-funded reelection machine is too powerful for ordinary citizens to challenge - unless we join together.

That's the whole idea behind AMERICANS TO LIMIT CONGRESSIONAL TERMS. Our organization was formed in May 1989 by a group of concerned citizens including Republicans, Democrats and independents.

Our goal is to quickly build a large community-based movement to pass a Constitutional Amendment to limit congressional terms.

We think six years is long enough for anyone to serve in the House, and that 12 years is long enough for Senators.

So far 300,000 Americans have joined with us. Our goal is to have 1,000,000 members before the election this November. That will give us the clout to limit terms and pass our reforms.

We believe that Congress is so scared right now about the public anger they see, that we have a chance to convince two-thirds of Congressmen and Senators to go on public record in support of term limits and our sweeping Six Point reform plan.

But we need to act now - while they are worried about their reelection. Because, after the election, it may be too late.

But this survey and petition drive is very expensive. And I still don't know where we will get the money to carry out this entire campaign.

It's expensive to send you this letter, process your petition and survey, tabulate your answers, and then distribute the results to the media and every elected official in America.

But there's much more we need to do if we are to be successful. We must follow-up this survey and petition with personal visits to members of Congress to make sure they understand just how important this issue is to Americans.

We will need to raise a budget of \$17,000,000 to enable us to fully put this plan into effect.

I know that sounds like a lot of money. But don't forget - we are taking on the U.S. Congress, the Washington Political Establishment, all the special interest lobbyists, Big Corporations and Big Labor Unions. They have almost unlimited tax money and special interest money to fight us.

And with Congress's multi-billion dollar public relations machine, it's not easy to get the truth out to voters. So I hope I can count on you to help. Will you send us a contribution of \$10, \$15, \$25, or even \$50 to help us cover our expenses?

We can win only if there is a massive, organized outpouring of public support for term limits and true congressional reform.

I am very encouraged that public support for term limits is building. Voters in California passed a law which limits terms of their state legislators.

In Oklahoma, the voters limited the number of years that their own