

more money on their campaigns than challengers in 1990. Challengers simply cannot compete against those odds.

America's founding fathers would be sickened by what they see in Washington today.

They envisioned America being governed by a "citizens legislature." They never thought America's elected representatives would even try to hold office for more than one or two terms.

The very first U.S. Senate saw only half its members serve a second term. And no one stayed for a third term. In our nation's first century, House members served an average of just four years.

Daniel Webster served only 5 years in Congress, Abraham Lincoln served just 2 years, and Henry Clay served just 10 years.

Lawmakers in America's early history were not professional politicians. They went to the nation's capital a couple of times a year, and then returned home to their full-time occupations.

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 re-election machine is just too powerful for ordinary citizens to challenge -- unless we unite 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.

We are not promoting any particular candidate or political party or ideology. Our goal is to quickly build a large community-based movement to pass a Constitutional Amendment to limit congressional terms.

We think 6 years is long enough for anyone to serve in the House or Senate.

So far over 150,000 Americans have joined with us. We aim to have 1,000,000 supporters before the election this November. That will give us real political clout.

But we also realize that Congress will strongly oppose us at every turn. Therefore, we are also working to pass term limit laws in many states, which will force Congress to deal with this issue that they wish would go away.

Your survey will help us prove to Congress that this issue is not going away. We want to convince two-thirds of Congressmen and Senators to go on public record in support of term limits.

This is a critical step in passing a Constitutional Amendment to limit terms (which must then be ratified by 75% of the states).

We will keep careful track of every Congressman and Senator who