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Standing Up for Real Change: Help Us Pass Term Limits in Iowa

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Laura,

In 2017, I decided to run for office because our state needed change. I knew that the experience I could bring as an advocate for marriage equality, my work as a small business owner, and my perspective as a next generation leader would help me be an effective senator for my neighbors and community.

When I was first elected in 2018, I was the youngest member of the Iowa Senate. Seven years later, I'm still the youngest member of the Iowa Senate. And seven years later, I am more convinced than ever about the importance — and the power — of new voices.

New perspectives are important in government for a simple reason: as the world changes, our governments and laws must change with it.

That's why my colleague Senator Sarah Trone Garriott and I, along with several Democratic colleagues, decided to introduce a constitutional amendment to implement term limits for members of the Iowa Legislature.

Too many Iowa politicians — and this is true about politicians from both parties — have been in office for so long they've lost touch with the real challenges facing our state. Instead of solving problems, they protect the status quo. Instead of putting Iowans first, they focus on staying in power. This needs to change.

[That's why I'm calling for term limits for Iowa legislators, and I'm asking for your help in sending a message that Iowans support this approach.](#)

Bringing in new voices and fresh ideas will make our government stronger, more responsive, and more accountable to the people. Term limits will ensure that politicians spend less time worrying about their next election and more time working to improve the lives of every Iowan who calls this state home.

If you agree, add your name to our petition today and help send a message that it's time for real change in Iowa.

SIGN THE PETITION

The whole point of democracy is that our government should be by the people, of the people, and for the people. When democratic government stops working for the people, the people lose trust in government, and this loss of trust has spread across far too many of our institutions.

While I don't believe that starting a conversation about term limits will solve every problem in our government or immediately restore public trust, I do believe that this conversation will help begin that process. We also can't stop with just one reform, which is why Senator Trone Garriott and I have also introduced legislation to ban lawmakers from trading stocks using inside

information — but that's a separate email.

Iowans of all political persuasions should be able to come together in supporting common sense measures that will restore public trust in government. Together, we can rebuild a government that truly represents us all. I hope you'll join us:

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Thank you for joining me in this fight.

Forward,
-ZW

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