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Rules and Executive Nominations Committee, Maryland House of Delegates

Dear Madam Chairperson,

My name is David Gough, and I am a 57-year-old lifetime resident of Maryland who has participated in every election of any level in our state. Additionally, I am a retired state law enforcement officer who appreciates law and order as well as the rule of law. That is why HJ6 appeals to me. It is the legal process for the citizens to utilize the rights granted them by the creator and memorialized in the constitution to bring the change at the federal level that our elected and appointed officials choose not to.

I believe that our federally elected and appointed officials need term limits that they refuse to impose upon themselves. In a poll conducted by McLaughlin and Associates released in February 2021 89% of those polled were in favor of term limits for members of congress and 59% were in favor of term limits for supreme court justices. I believe a regular change of sitting legislators is essential to promote new ideas and reduce corruption.

The founders of this great country never intended for the federal government to be as large as it is or have the amount of power that it does. That right was reserved for the states. Those elected federal positions were never meant to be full time careers. This country cannot move forward on the stale ideas of politicians embedded in their positions for 40 plus years. I also fear that anyone who holds a position of great power for extended periods become more susceptible to corruption. Even the federal prison system understands this issue and requires prison employees to be moved within the system every three years to abuses of power.

Please give HJ6 the time it deserves and the opportunity to be debated on the floor. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Gough