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Power to the People

We need to change the balance of power in Washington away from politicians and back towards the people. To that end, I propose Congressional term limits, input from diverse voices and single issue legislation.

We need term limits in Congress. Term limits would make it harder for politicians to accumulate personal power over decades in Washington. Term limits would create more equal representation across districts, so that districts with “senior” legislators would not have more of a voice than districts with “freshmen” legislators. Term limits would reduce the power of incumbents and provide more opportunities for more diverse representation.

We need diverse representation and to listen to diverse voices. Diverse voices bring a greater variety of life experience, a greater variety of ideas and a greater variety of perspectives to solving the complex problems that we face. Diverse voices need to be heard to find solutions that will work for all people, not just the people in power.

We need single issue legislation to change our approach to complex problems. Single issue legislation engages more voices in problem solving because it simplifies debate to one thing at a time. This allows everyone, even legislators, to understand what’s in a bill and therefore to participate in the discussion. Single issue legislation also provides for more accountability for legislators as there is only one item to either support or oppose.

These changes would bring more diversity, more transparency, more accountability, more representation and less politics.

This, I believe is the change we need.

We need representation in Washington.

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