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To: Assembly Committee on Constitution and Ethics

Re: Opposition to AJR 16

The League of Women Voters of Wisconsin opposes any proposal seeking to convene an Article V Constitutional Convention for “the limited purpose of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives or as a member of the United States Senate.”

The League of Women Voters opposes term limits because such limits would adversely affect the accountability, representativeness, and effective performance of government. We believe it is the voters who should hold politicians accountable in elections.

Our Constitution is more than 200 years old. It has served us well, with individual amendments, to keep up with the ever-changing needs of the American people. Calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention is a reckless and radical proposal. It is not clear whether such a convention can in fact be limited in scope. It puts all of our constitutional rights at risk.

AJR 16 should be rejected.