The Center for Research on Vermont & The Snelling Center for Government present

"Vermont's Two-Year Term: Anachronism or a Bastion of Democracy?"

A discussion between
Former Governor Madeleine Kunin
and University of Vermont Political
Science Professor Frank Bryan

Moderated by Emerson Lynn, Publisher,

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On November 7, Vermonters will elect a gubernatorial candidate to a two-year term. Vermont is one of only two states that still have a two-year governor's term. Is Vermont best served today by having statewide elected leaders who serve for only two years? Would governance in Vermont be better served by longer terms and fewer election cycles? Should legislators be elected to longer terms, as well? If terms are increased, how do we maintain a constitutional balance of power and serve Vermonters best?

The Center for Research on Vermont and The Snelling Center for Government are pleased to present this free, public discussion of an important civic issue. It is anticipated that bills will be introduced in the upcoming legislative session that will call for a constitutional amendment to expand term lengths. Should such proposals be initiated? If so, what are the structural changes that should be made? This is the first of a series of activities that are planned to raise awareness and involve the public in this important deliberation about the future of the structure of Vermont state government.

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