

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Joins Sen. Rubio to introduce Constitutional amendment to prevent Supreme Court packing

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Washington, D.C. - Congressman Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) yesterday introduced companion legislation that would limit the size of the Supreme Court of the United States to nine justices. The House legislation was co-sponsored by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC), while the Senate version was co-sponsored by Senators Pat Toomey (R-PA), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Todd Young (R-IN), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS), John Hoeven (R-ND), Mike Lee (R-UT), Ben Sasse (R-NE), Mitt Romney (R-UT), Mike Crapo (R-ID), and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV).

"Few schemes are as dangerous to the rule of law as court packing," said Rep. Gallagher. "Americans rely on the Supreme Court to faithfully uphold the Constitution, and with Democrats' partisan calls to increase the Court's size gaining momentum, it is now more important than ever to preserve the legitimacy of the highest court in the land. I'm proud to join Senator Rubio in introducing a Constitutional amendment protecting the integrity of the Supreme Court."

"The Democrats' court packing proposal represents the latest shortsighted effort to undermine America's confidence in our institutions and our democracy. America's institutions are far from perfect. But over the past two centuries, they have provided a framework for our nation to become the most dynamic, most vibrant, and most exceptional nation in all of human history," Senator Rubio said. "To

prevent the delegitimizing of the Supreme Court, I am introducing a constitutional amendment to keep the number of seats at nine. Our institutions matter. Our Constitution matters. And we should fight to protect them.”

Background: The Supreme Court has had nine seats since 1869.