

December 5, 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to HJR19.

I am writing because I feel very strongly that HJR19 is against the ideas of democracy that our country should be upholding. It is not appropriate to make it more difficult for the public to make their voice heard or influence legislation.

Already, when groups succeed in getting something on the ballot it is because of tireless work from hundreds and sometimes thousands of volunteers. The conviction and determination of those voices should not have any further roadblocks put in the way. Changing the amendment process by shortening the time during which signatures could be collected, and increasing the margin of victory needed from a simple majority to 60 percent approval, would significantly change the process. Increasing the up-front signature requirement for initiated statutes and adding a one-year moratorium on legislative changes to any laws enacted as the result of a citizen initiative are also inappropriate and are only proposed ideas to limit the voice of the OH population.

Regards,

Emily Lampe

2975 Scarborough Road
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118