

**Opponent Testimony of Noreen D. Eyre
Regarding House Joint Resolution 6
Presented to the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee
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Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Brown and Members of the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee today on House Joint Resolution 6. My name is Noreen Eyre, and I live in Milford, Ohio. I am opposed to House Joint Resolution 6—this proposal is an attack on the right of all Ohioans to the citizen-initiated constitutional amendment process.

As someone who was born, raised, and educated in Ohio and who graduated from Miami University, I feel passionate about our state and the rights of all people to have a voice and a vote in our elections.

I oppose House Joint Resolution 6 because:

- All Ohioans deserve a right to a direct democracy, as enshrined in the 1912 amendments to the Ohio Constitution.
- A 50% vote threshold for constitutional amendments ensures the majority in Ohio prevails in democratic decision making at the ballot, just as it does when the General Assembly passes laws.
- HJR 6 is clearly designed to enshrine the supermajority's power and stop future constitutional amendments that the majority of Ohioans support.
- I believe in the common good and that means we need to look beyond our own individual rights to consider the rights of everyone whether rich or poor, Republican or Democrat, educated or not.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today, and I will answer any questions you may have about my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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