

Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony today. My name is Mark Gavin, Sr., I am the Owner of On The Mark Advocacy & Campaigns, and I am writing today to stand in direct opposition to House Joint Resolution 6. I have spent over a decade working to get Ohioans to the voting booth but that work gets harder and harder as our state's elected officials- our leaders- continue to muzzle voters to stifle our power. Ohio already has a highly arduous process to make it on the ballot, then for a campaign to be successful, you have to win votes from a diverse group of folks all over Ohio. Black or white, older or younger, Republican or Democrat- You need some of each and then some more to win a statewide issue in Ohio. Raising the threshold to a 60% majority only solidifies the chokehold Ohio's GOP has over every branch of our state government by making it nearly impossible for Ohioans to pass their own initiatives on the ballot. When is enough, enough? Ohio voters deserve an actual voice. You are stealing our state

I'm urging you all to vote no on HJR6 and to stop rigging our elections,

Thank you for your time.