

Testimony of Thomas Schilling in Support of HJR No. 1

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and
Members of the Committee

It is the Duty of every Patriot to protect their Country from its
Government. ~ Thomas Paine

I am a Respiratory Therapist of over 37 years and currently live in Oakwood, HD-41. Over this period of time, I have taken care of tens of thousands of patients and met tens of thousands of their family members in the hospital's Intensive Care Units, Medical/Surgical floors, Long Term Acute Care Hospitals, Extended Care Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities that I have worked. A true cross-section of the people of central and west central Ohio. I've also gotten to know the opinions of these tens of thousands of patients and their families. While their opinions of politicians and political candidates are varied, what is consistent is their opinions concerning the need for Term Limits, requiring Fiscal Responsibility of the Federal Government, and the need to limit the Power, Scope, and Jurisdiction of the Federal Government. When asked if there should be term limits, fiscal responsibility, and limits to the power of our federal government, the answer is nearly always yes. These patients and families love their country, but they do not trust their government! These are difficult words to write and hard words for you to hear, but they must be heard.

The powers enumerated in the Constitution for the Federal Government and the State Governments were quite clear. Regardless, The Federal Government (Washington) has been usurping these powers allotted to the States and by extension, local governments, for decades. It is my firm belief that far off Washington does not know that I exist. If the entire population of the United States were a field of grass, I could be quietly plucked from

that field and far off Washington would never know and I believe would never care. My absence would only be noticed locally. Now if those tens of thousands of patients and their families were quietly plucked from that same field, would Washington notice? I really don't think so, as the primary (pre)occupation of the federal politician is to get re-elected, consolidate power and fill their war chests for the next campaign, rather than doing their Duty towards their electorate. Term Limits, Fiscal Responsibility, and Limiting the Power of the Federal Government by returning those enumerated powers to the States is the solution for all Americans, as each State knows its citizens and each citizen knows their State. The same cannot be said of far off Washington, so please, be a Patriot for the State of Ohio and support HJR 1 and pass it to the House for a full vote!

Thank You for this opportunity to reach out to you concerning this vital issue and Thank You for your service to Ohio.

Only those who swim against the current, know the strength of it.
~Woodrow Wilson

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