

## Testimony of Brian Witterstaetter in support of HJR No.1

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

I am a concerned parent from North Bend, OH in house district 29. From an early age, I took an interest in the founding of the United States of America. In the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, my social studies teacher made us memorize the Constitution of the United States along with the Bill of Rights. Since then, I have watched the federal government slowly move away from constitutional law. An example personally affecting my family concerns OSHA's vaccine mandate. Despite the fact CDC data shows that citizens under the age of 25 have a less than 0.1% chance of dying from COVID, the federal government feels it has the power to force my kids to get a vaccine shot. This has caused much anxiety in my family. My children are healthy, thank God, and they do not want to get a shot that does not prevent them from getting COVID or prevent them from spreading COVID. However, due to the OSHA mandate, they are now faced with getting the shot or going to school or keeping their jobs.

An article V Convention of States is the Founders' constitutional solution which allows us to check the power

grab of the federal government and return to federalism where most of our governance should be occurring--at the state and local level. It is part of the checks and balances vision of our Founding Fathers. I'm asking the Committee to please support HJR 1 and pass it on to the House for a full vote.

Thank you for your service to Ohio and giving me the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HJR1.

Regards,

Brian Witterstaetter