

**Testimony before the Ohio House of Representatives State and Local Government Committee
Hearing on H. J. R. No. 1**

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

I ask the Committee to please support HJR 1 and pass it on to the House for a full vote.

TESTIMONY

An article V Convention of States is the Founders' constitutional solution which gives us hope, and a return to federalism where most of our governance needs to occur – at the state and local level.

We must limit the Power, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Federal Government now before it's too late and bring it back to the States and the people.

Repeal the XVI Amendment to eliminate the power of Congress to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived. The law started in 1913 as a simple tax to enforce. Over the years it has evolved into a corrupt system impossible to equitably enforce.

Life-time politicians constantly change the law to favor the large companies and wealthy individuals who vote for them, contribute to their reelections and support their agenda. They also change the tax law to give Federal dollars to those who pay no taxes, i.e., those on welfare or unemployed, to win their votes. The honest hard working middle class pays most of the taxes and often has less income and benefits than those not paying income taxes.

The Fair Tax has long been the answer. Go to fairtax.org for details and inside info. It treats all fairly; all pay the tax. The Fair Tax has been around for over twenty years. The corrupt politicians continue to ignore it because there is no hope for them to get reelected when the Fair Tax is implemented.

I worked for Internal Revenue Service as a Revenue Agent and Tax Specialist for 28 years (May of 1975 to January of 2003). I'm one of the few that still prepares my own Tax Return. I like most people do not trust the IRS to fairly enforce the current tax laws.

A substantial majority of people pay someone to file their Tax Return or do not file a Return or report all their income. The magnitude of excessive regulations favors wealthy people and corporations at the expense of middle income people and small business owners.

For these reasons I ask you to vote in favor of HJR1. Thank you for your service to me and the citizens of Ohio.