

Testimony of Laurence F. Jones in support of HJR No.1

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

I have been a resident of Ohio for most of my adult life, and currently reside at 2015 Imperial Lane in Findlay, Ohio in House District 83. I am a retired professional and am currently involved in volunteer work with several non-profit local agencies as both a Board member/Trustee and active participant in client services.

I have been fortunate that income from my former career allows me to spend my time in retirement giving back to and serving others in my community. From this perspective I am appalled at the Federal Government's lack of understanding of the needs of local communities yet their insistence on controlling all services and aid with a one size fits all approach. They want to dictate what aid is provided, by whom, and thus force all individuals who need assistance to be reliant on Washington Bureaucrats who have little or no understanding of what to provide and how it is to be provided. Findlay, Ohio is not Chicago or Los Angeles, and our needs are ignored because Washington caters to the largest voting blocks. Ohio knows what Ohio needs to do for their cities and towns, and allowing the Federal government to dictate what we do, is not only counterproductive, but often deleterious to the health and safety of our citizens.

It is time for the government to be returned to those who are more in tune with the differing needs of their citizens, and that is why I sincerely urge you to support HJR 1 and pass it on to the House for a full vote.

Thank you for your service to Ohio and for providing me the opportunity to provide this testimony.

