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Testimony of William K. Richey in Support of H.J.R. 1

Dear Chairman Wiggam, Vice-Chairwoman John, & Ranking Member Kelly:

Thank- you so much so much for this opportunity to share with you my perspective as a proponent of H.J.R. 1 in the State and Local Government Committee.

I am a very patriotic, hard-working, church-going, family-oriented American (and Buckeye!). My father sacrificed for 2 years in the Army fighting for this nation in Korea. I have worked hard for 37 years teaching chemistry (and still working) and am dedicated to providing for my wife and children's comfort, safety, provisions and fun vacations. Needless to say, my family (next to my faith) is the most important thing to me in my life!

Lots of things have changed over the course of my life, but the scariest thing has to be the size of the federal government! The feds continue to spend money that is not there. Just several months ago, for example, Congress passed the Biden Infrastructure Bill at \$1.2 trillion. This on top of endless spending. Unlike Ohio, the feds can operate without a balanced budget. **How has this affected me as a hard-working American? INFLATION! INFLATION! INFLATION!**

As a teacher, I've never had the highest salary. I've had to budget and save. This year, after 37 years in the classroom, I only received a 1.5% raise. Because of an out-of-control Federal Government and wish-list spending, the inflation rate in 2021 was 6.7%! With a small raise in salary but horrible inflation (with no end in sight) I've basically taken a pay cut! This is not fair and must be stopped. I...we...elected YOU for protection. You can do something by supporting H.J.R 1. Is it any wonder that more than half of Americans are "fearful for what the year 2022 holds in store for the U.S."? We must limit the power and size of the Federal Government. We must reclaim the freedom that has made our nation great! It is time to use the power the Founding Fathers gave you in Article V of the Constitution.

It is time to reclaim the principles upon which our great nation was founded! For these reasons, I ask you to vote in favor of H.J.R. 1.

Thank-you for your service!

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