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Testimony of Timothy Burkett

in Support of House Joint Resolution 1

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairwoman John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee: I am a concerned citizen veteran living in Fairborn in House District 73.

I faithfully serve my country every day and so I am greatly distressed by the bizarre actions already taken and others currently proposed by the Congress of the United States that jeopardize the very future of our nation.

The reckless activity of the nation's Congress and their abuse of power in the destructive political scene today resembles mob activity with their lying, cheating, and division agendas. This activity runs rampant through Washington, D.C. in direct conflict with our nation's Constitution as well as our state's Constitution.

At the proposed rate of present federal spending, I believe that when my great-granddaughters, aged four and six, are age eligible for employment, the nation will no longer exist unless we 'The People' take decisive action to thwart its destruction.

Article V, of our great Constitution provides an excellent venue that entrusts protection of the eternal principles of liberty to "~~We~~, *the people*". This article distinctly enables our right to alter laws, including the supreme law of our land, the Constitution of the United States.

When seeking a solution, I often recall a timeless quote by George Washington, "*Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring it to light.*"

On behalf of my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and future generations, I ask you to vote in favor of House Joint Resolution 1.

Thank you for your service to me and the citizens of Ohio.