

**Testimony on House Joint Resolution 1
Constitutional Resolutions Committee
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
Submitted by:
Jennifer Weinbrecht**

Dear Chair Plummer and members of the committee, thank you for allowing my written testimony in opposition to HJR1.

My name is Jennifer Weinbrecht. My roots as an Ohioan are deep. Various branches of my family came to Ohio in the early 19th century to farm this rich land, and I am proud to be a citizen of our heartland state, the home of great presidents, astronauts, scientists, inventors, authors, and artists.

I am submitting testimony today in opposition to HJR1, an unfair anti-patriotic bill that will limit Ohio citizens in their ability to make decisions that affect our future as a state. By allowing a minority to overrule the majority of Ohioans in statewide initiatives, this bill will give more power to out-of-state special interests, who can afford to spend lavishly to push forward initiatives, and it will take power away from the voters of Ohio to make decisions on issues that matter most to us. It is a form of legislative overreach that serves no purpose other than to limit the rights of the voters of Ohio.

Ohioans have had this constitutional right since 1912.

Please protect our freedom, the freedom for which my father and uncles, and many others among my family and friends, served in the armed forces.