

House Joint Resolution 1
First Name Last Name
Opponent Testimony
House Constitutional Resolutions Committee

April 18, 2023

Chair Plummer, Vice Chair Hillyer, Ranking Member Mohamed, and Members of the House Constitutional Resolutions Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Quata Tucker. I am a Transition Coordinator in Cleveland Heights/University Heights. I strongly oppose HJR 1.

As a Teacher and Community Member I oppose this resolution because...

- House Joint Resolution 1 (HJR 1) is a proposed constitutional amendment that would restrict Ohio citizens' rights.
- It would undermine our democracy by giving the minority the power to dictate policy to the majority of Ohioans. HJR 1 would enshrine minority rule into our state constitution.
- HJR 1 would take power away from the majority of Ohioans while special interest groups have more power.
- It would make it harder for citizen-led constitutional amendments to make the ballot. Instead of needing 5% of registered voters from 44 counties, citizens would need 5% from each of Ohio's 88 counties. Failure to get the required signatures in one county could prevent an issue from getting on the ballot.

Sincerely,

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