

Thank you for hearing and sharing testimonies in opposition to House Joint Resolution 1, as this action is vital to maintaining the sanctity of one whole vote per one whole person. I would be present in person at this hearing if my work schedule allowed, and will continue to follow this issue closely as it will directly affect myself, my community, and the coming generations of voters.

An overwhelming majority should not be required in order to pass a decision, especially considering the unpopularity of our current district maps and when factoring in low voter turnouts. HJR1 would empower the political minority to double down on making decisions for, and violating the rights of, underrepresented voters and taxpayers who in fact comprise the majority.

This resolution would set a dangerous precedent - why would it stop here? Why would it not be implemented in election processes, or have the required threshold continue to increase? - and move us a drastic step in the wrong direction. Our modern social, political and environmental landscapes are evolving rapidly and constantly. We must do all in our power to prioritize transparency and accessibility as more everyday citizens become involved in the political process. House Joint Resolution 1 is a glaring attempt to do the opposite, to rewrite the rules and keep voters in an uphill battle. If not for this purpose, it would be inarguably unnecessary.

To our elected officials, your job is to represent the interests of the people, and to *continue* to represent those interests regardless of personal opinion. As HJR1 directly undermines the integrity of our democracy and therefore your livelihoods and reputations, you should be just as committed to stopping it as we are.

I am devoted to a safer, fairer, cleaner and more just world for my nieces and nephews, one in which they are capable of making informed decisions and having their voices heard. This is one of the unfair, unnecessary and undemocratic hurdles we are facing so that they do not have to. Thank you.

- Hannah Kichline, Dayton OH