

Testimony on House Joint Resolution1

House Constitutional Resolutions Committee

Submitted by Rita Williams

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Chair Plummer, Vice Chair Hillyer, Ranking Member Mohamed, and members of the committee, Thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to HJR1. My name is Rita Williams and I am a resident of Aurora, Ohio.

I am opposed to the passage of HJR1. Passage of this resolution would severely curtail the rights of the citizens of the State of Ohio. I believe that everyone who is a member of this legislative body knows that HJR1 is being moved ahead rapidly for political reasons. Those being, to preempt the initiatives that citizens are actively petitioning to put before the voters. Although it's easy to think of politics as a game when you are in the playing ring, the real reason that you are there is to show respect and represent the views of your constituents.

I am asking you to let the people have their say. It is the only way a democracy can work.

Please vote no on this dangerous bill.

Respectfully,
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