

My name is Constance (Connie) Rubin and I have been an Ohio voter since I moved to North Canton in Stark County in 1973. I am also an OPERS retiree and have been an active community volunteer during my 50 years as an Ohio voter.

I am strongly opposed to HJR 1, which would enshrine minority rule into Ohio's founding document and make it extremely expensive for citizens to amend Ohio's Constitution. Although proponents have said their motivation is to keep outside groups from changing our Constitution, I believe HJR 1 will assure that ONLY dark money groups and corporations will be the only ones financially capable of getting on the ballot. Additional requirements to require signatures from all 88-counties and elimination of ANY cure period are going to be a mountain too high for citizen-initiated amendments. Ohio's Constitution will forever be stuck in this century.

Many of you are OSU fans or alumnae. How would you like for Michigan to be declared the winner of a football game with 20 points, although OSU scored 30 points? That's what you are proposing for Ohio's Constitution. You are proposing that the MINORITY will rule. What may be worse, you are proposing to put the issue on an August Special Election ballot, which traditionally has the lowest voter turnout, costing taxpayers up to \$20 million. I think we could find much better uses for \$20 million than trying to enact minority rule in Ohio and making it harder for citizens to initiate change.

HJR1 is undemocratic, unfair, unneeded and terribly wasteful of Ohio's taxpayers' money, and I urge you to let this Resolution die in Committee.

Thank you for considering my views.

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