

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: April 19, 2023

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Are you representing: Yourself  / Organization

Organization (If Applicable):

Position/Title:

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes  / No

Business before the committee

Legislation (HJR1): Specific Issue:

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  / Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No .

I will not be there in person.

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

Will your testimony be written, spoken, or both? written

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I oppose changing the requirements for citizen led initiatives for changes to our laws. The requirement to get the required amount of signatures from all 88 counties instead of 44 counties is excessive as is requiring a 60% vote on legislation initiated by citizens.

Please be advised that this form and any materials (written or otherwise) submitted or presented to this committee are records that may be requested by the public and may be published online

My testimony opposing HJR1:

Majority rule on elections is the basis of democracy. A majority is 50% plus 1. Arbitrarily requiring 60% of the vote puts your thumb on the scale against Ohio citizens. That is undemocratic. Legislation by the state House and Senate only requires a simple majority. All other matters citizens vote on require only a simple majority. Manipulating the rules against citizen led initiatives has no defense except that you do

not want any of them to succeed. That is not democratic and your job is to operate within a democracy. Do not begin carving out anti-democracy rules in Ohio. It's unfair to current and future citizens of Ohio.