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Testimony on House Joint Resolution 1 Constitutional Resolutions Committee
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Dear Chair Plummer and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing my written testimony in opposition to HJR1. My name is Erica Wachtler. I am an active registered voter here in Ohio. I believe in the power of one person, one vote. Ohioans use their vote to protect their freedoms and their rights. They use their vote to make decisions that affect their lives. Ballot initiatives allow voters to exercise their rights with a majority rule. HJR1 wants to end majority rule and take power away from voters to decide what matters most to them.

Ohio has embraced this initiative since 1912. Ohioans have exercised their constitutional rights for over 111 years and statehouse politicians want to strip these rights away. Special interests and lobbyists are pushing for this amendment because they can control politicians but they can't control voters. Please protect our democracy and continue to let Ohio voters exercise their rights. HJR1 is unfair, undemocratic, unpopular and unnecessary.