

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: April 17, 2023

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Are you representing: Yourself

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HJR 1

Specific Issue: The resolution is undemocratic

Are you testifying as a: Opponent

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes

How much time will your testimony require? Submitted in writing

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

In reference to House Joint Resolution 1:

I am opposed to the resolution. I believe the current format, as outlined in the Ohio constitution, has served us well. I am in favor of actions that promote citizen engagement and help move us toward a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." This resolution does the opposite. I believe it is something I would expect in dictatorships rather than in the United States of America. I find the resolution to be undemocratic and unpatriotic. Please do not pass this resolution.

Sincerely, John Schmieding