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Chair Plummer, Vice Chair Hillyer, Ranking Member Mohamed, and members of the Ohio House Constitutional Resolutions Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to SJR2 today. My name is Jeff Dieringer, and I am with SEIU District 1199 WV/KY/OH and we represent over 13,000 workers in the state of Ohio. These workers are citizens of this State and would potentially stand to lose their right to democracy, which has been guaranteed in the Ohio Constitution for over 100 years, if SJR2 moves forward.

SJR2 would have a detrimental impact to Ohio's current path. We have received extremely amazing news in Ohio over the last two years from the multiple manufacturing announcements to a whole host of companies announcing expansion in Ohio that benefits workers and the State. SJR2 would disrupt this string of good news by stripping away rights and degrading democracy in our State.

Measures like SJR2 would certainly harm the workforce expansion efforts that are much needed in Ohio to continue our path of economic success. Restricting rights by removing majority rule and making it harder for the people of Ohio to check the power of government will affect our ability to recruit out-of-state workers and keep people here. The last thing we need is divisive measures that will cause chaos.

On behalf of our members, SEIU District 1199 vehemently opposes SJR2 because it is unnecessary, undemocratic, and unpopular. We are at a critical juncture right now and we cannot afford to pass measures such as SJR2 that limit the power of the people and democracy. Thank you. I will now take any questions.