

I am unable to attend the hearing on April 26, 2023 but wish to submit this written statement.

I am a proponent of changing the margin from 50% + 1 vote to a minimum of 60% requirement to Amend Ohio's Constitution. Amending the State's founding document is such a serious matter that it should require a greater margin for victory for either side **so that there is no doubt about the will of the majority Ohioans as to their support of the measure.** Although special elections are costly, it is worth the cost in this case. A ballot initiative is expected to be on the November ballot for all Ohioans, and **it is important to place this matter of the majority vote needed to Amend the Constitution of Ohio before all Ohioans in a special election in August so that the November vote will give a more clear indication of what the majority of Ohioans believe is best for their state to amend the constitution, not just by 50% of the vote plus 1 vote. Amending our Ohio Constitution is so important; common sense tells me that a 50% + 1 vote margin is woefully inadequate, especially if there is any error in counting ballots.**