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Chairman Michael Rulli
Senate General Government Committee
Ohio Senate
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, First Floor, 143
Columbus Ohio 43215

Re: SJR 2

Dear Chairman Michael Rulli:

Since 1912, Ohioans have used citizen-led ballot initiatives to have a direct say in our government. SJR 2 would make it much more difficult to get issues on the ballot, and would require a much higher "yes" vote to pass, once on the ballot.

SRJ 2 is undemocratic and an attack on all Ohioans' ability to pass citizen-initiated ballot measures. It undermines the sacred principle of one person, one vote, and would end majority rule in Ohio as we know it. It would allow 41% of voters to block initiatives the majority want. That shreds our constitution, and takes away our right as voters to decide what happens.

It's unfair and unnecessary, as citizens must already secure hundreds of thousands of signatures in at least half of Ohio's 88 counties, and it's been 5 years since the last one. This proposed resolution would make it almost impossible for anyone *except* big money special interests to successfully pass a ballot initiative, rigging the process against everyday Ohioans. Proposals like this are extremely unpopular, especially in conservative states. If this passes, only Florida and Ohio would require 60% support for a citizen-led ballot initiative. I am opposed to SJR 2.

Sincerely,

Leigh Hollins