

Citizen Testimony on Senate Joint Resolution 2
The Ohio Senate General Government Committee
Cheryl Claypoole-Beall, Buckeye Lake, Ohio
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Chair Rulli, and Members of The Ohio Senate General Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify. My name is Cheryl Claypoole-Beall. An Ohio resident since 1966, I currently reside in Buckeye Lake.

I am testifying in opposition to Senate Joint Resolution 2.

In brief: I am opposed to the resolution and anything that makes it harder for voters to amend the Ohio Constitution.

This resolution would end majority rule in Ohio – a key principle of democracy. It would allow 41% of the population to stop what the clear majority wants to pass.

Since 1912, Ohio citizens have responsibly exercised our right to amend the Ohio Constitution through ballot initiatives.

This right is an important check and balance on the power of politicians to pass laws that most citizens oppose.

Weakening ballot initiatives would give more power to politicians and less power to voters to decide the issues that matter most.

Please do not pass this resolution out of the committee. It is undemocratic and unnecessary.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Claypoole-Beall