



Proponent Testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 8, Lair Marin-Marcum, Ohio Strategic State Director, The Libre Initiative, House Government Oversight Committee, 05.20.2025

Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Government Oversight Committee:

My name is Lair Marin-Marcum. I'm one of your naturalized Hispanic immigrant Ohioans and I serve as the Ohio Libre Initiative State Strategic Director, a sister organization to Americans for Prosperity. I'm humbled to have the opportunity to testify as an Interested Party on the **House Concurrent Resolution 8**. The Libre Initiative in Ohio's Policy Agenda is dedicated to creating a stronger and more efficient Ohio for all its communities.

Our Hispanic Latino families have worked hard to achieve their goals and build better futures and become part of this great state of Ohio. But some in Washington want to let the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) expire, raising taxes at a time when the cost of living is already sky-high. Protecting prosperity means safeguarding families and small businesses from higher taxes that threaten progress and make the American Dream even harder to reach.

Making the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent helps avoid tax hikes, protect jobs, and support the progress of the Hispanic community.

80% of Latinos feel overtaxed:

Tax hikes would take more from already tight budgets, making it harder for families to save, invest, or support loved ones.

92% of Latinos want stable tax rates:

Predictable taxes help families plan for big goals like buying homes or starting businesses. Tax hikes create uncertainty and strain.

1 in 4 new businesses is Latino-owned:

Higher taxes mean less money for Latino entrepreneurs to reinvest, grow, and create jobs in their communities.

72% of Latino businesses face tax hikes if TCJA expires:

Without the current tax cuts, businesses could face higher costs, forcing cutbacks that hurt growth and opportunity.

I'm very humbled to have this opportunity to present proponent testimony on House Concurrent Resolution 8, on behalf of The Libre Initiative and the half a million Hispanics and grassroot communities throughout our State. We believe that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will continue to advance and promote economic freedom and individual prosperity across the country. Thus, I'd like to finish by asking you all to please encourage Congress to act and protect the progress we've made, don't let the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act expire!

Thank you for your time, and it will be my pleasure to answer any questions the committee might have.