

Testimony of DOUGLAS HUTH in support of HJR 2

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

I am a retired chemist, business owner, and for 81 years, proud Ohio citizen currently living in Sagamore Hills and serving as COS district co-captain for HD 35,27 and SD 27.

OHIO is the epitome of “The American dream” exhibiting freedoms ever conceived by mankind.¹ OHIO was the first of 5 states formed from land given after the Revolutionary War with Great Britain known as the Northwest Ordinance (1787) created by the Continental congress was championed by a Puritan minister, Manasseh Cutler, from Massachusetts. He was a highly educated man with Doctorate in Medicine and Natural Sciences. He alone is credited for lobbying for three prime elemental laws at Continental Congress meeting in New York, forming requirements for governing of newly acquired Western land. Culver included Freedom of religion, required public education, and most significantly, no slavery within the newly expanded western territory. A charter granted from the treasury department was awarded to The Ohio Company for specific territories west of the Ohio River. I firmly believe that Ohio’s history deserves the title as “birthplace of the American dream- “freedom to control your own destiny to the best of one’s ability, work ethic and enjoy a God given rite of freedom and self-determination.

A mandate was given in the 2024 presidential election. “We the people,” with a majority of popular vote and electoral college votes resulted in winning all three branches of Federal Government a with majority of one party. The question remains, will there be reforms in government that change the status quo, or will politics and the huge dysfunctional bureaucracy problems be addressed? Government Fiscal responsibility is critical. The exponential growth of debt, now over \$37 trillion poses the greatest threat to the US dollar as the world currency. Failure in fiscal responsibility will cost loss in faith and trust needed to sustain the leadership and world view for safe place for financial investments.

We have an overbearing government, full of unelected bureaucrats, ineffective with self-serving motives, those selfish human traits that our constitutional writers knew and wanted to guard against. This gives pause that any change can happen. History has proven, using bipartisan cooperation and common-sense, work the best for citizens. Large numbers of voters see adopting term limits as one solution to curtail the open invitation to corruption and mistrust of lifetime politicians

Our forefathers designed, with great care and forethought, our Constitution. Colonists faced and rebelled against tyranny, unchecked power and greed, basic flaws in failed governments throughout the history of mankind. We are not perfect, and we must guard against those who would destroy our greatest society ever conceived. It must be preserved now and for future generations.

Our country's founders did provide a constitutional solution clearly stated in Article V, giving the people of our states a voice in saving America's federalist form of representative democracy.

Take back our country, guarding our self-governance of federalism, to the people in the states and local government levels as our founders intended in the United States Constitution.

I humbly ask this committee to give your full support of HJR 2 and pass it on to the House for a full vote.

Thank you as always for your service to Ohio and for providing the opportunity to submit testimony.

Foot note sources

1 ***THE Pioneers, the heroic story of the settlers who brought the American ideal west*** McCullough, David 2019, Simon and Schuster