

Testimony to the
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the committee:

I am 68 years old, and have lived my entire life in the state of Ohio, including Cambridge, Portsmouth, Cincinnati, and now Mason. I will be retiring in a couple of months from more than 45 years of work as a software developer. I genuinely worry about the financial solvency of our nation due to the profligate spending at the federal level. I especially worry about my adult daughters and what life would be like for them if there were some kind of economic collapse. I believe that unless federal government spending is restrained to be less than income (to pay off federal debt) that such an economic collapse is inevitable. I have become convinced that a balanced budget amendment to the constitution is the only possible solution, since the U.S. Congress has never shown a willingness to cut spending.

I urge you to pass HJR-2 out of committee to allow the citizens of Ohio, such as myself, to make their voices heard. I thank you for your dedicated service to our state and for looking out for the interest of its citizens. I also encourage you to fulfill your oath to “support the constitution of the United States” by honoring the founders’ Article V provision to allow the states to reign in a wayward federal government. We should trust this process that the founders put in place, because they were men of foresight and wisdom.

Please support HJR2.