

## Testimony of Jeremiah Campana in support of HJR No.2

Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and Members of the Committee:

Good day,

My name is Jeremiah Campana, originally from Warren, OH, now living in Columbus. My wife and I married in 2020 and purchased a home the following year. Even though we've barely been married, instead of enjoying our first home together, we are already having to look at downsizing and moving out of Columbus because of how bad the economy is. Never in my lifetime did I imagine two people with no kids would be breaking the bank on groceries and gas. We always eat at home; we never go out; we never take vacations; nor do we buy new clothes. Let's face it, the American dream is not affordable, and this should break every reasonable person's heart.

The federal government would rather spend billions of dollars on wars we aren't fighting in, gender studies in foreign countries, and securing their borders over ours. Mass illegal immigration threatens our very infrastructure; just ask Mayor Adams in NYC.

Our education stinks. Nearly 2/3 of U.S. students are unable to read at grade level, and these numbers were getting bad before the pandemic. To top it off, we're 37 trillion dollars in debt with absolutely NO plan to balance the budget and lower it. Things are bad now, and they are only getting worse. Does anybody take into consideration future generations when it comes to this debt? I can tell you that in Washington, D.C., they don't.

Finally, as a Christian family, I now have to worry about government-created agencies targeting me because I believe in Biblical principles. Early in 2023, a Catholic family was dragged out of their house by the FBI in the middle of the night by gunpoint and locked in a van because their 15-year-old son posted "offensive memes." The government finds it impossible to stop mass shooters, even when the shooter is on the FBI's watch list, yet has zero problems harassing Christians over memes. This has gotten out of control.

Article V would without question put the federal government back in its place and let them know that it is WE THE PEOPLE who run this country. There is a reason the article was put into the constitution by the founders unanimously, there was no debate on it. I've lived in Ohio my whole life, and for the most part, we know when and how to do the right thing around here. So do the right thing now, when it matters most, and pass HJR 2.

Thank you, and God bless.