

Testimony to the
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Chair Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the committee:

With 49 states enforcing some form of a balanced budget requirement and 16 states implementing legislative term limits, it's clear that these principles enjoy broad bipartisan support at the state level—and they should be mirrored at the federal level. Term limits encourage accountability and fresh leadership, preventing the entrenchment of career politicians, while balanced budget requirements promote fiscal responsibility and long-term economic stability. If nearly every state can operate within these sensible guardrails, there is no justifiable reason Congress should be exempt from the same standards that protect taxpayers and ensure efficient governance across the country. Ohio needs to remind our friends in Washington, D.C. this must be codified in our law now!

For these reasons I support passage of HJR2.