Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey and esteemed members of the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee.

Thank you for accepting my written testimony. My name is Jennifer Martin Silva and I am a Cleveland resident. I am strongly opposed to H.J.R. No 2.

This resolution to apply for a Convention of the States (COS) through Article V of the US Constitution is a dangerous attempt to make amendments to the US Constitution without any voice from citizens. Article V of the US Constitution does not specify any limits or controls once a COS is called. Even with Ohio's application that the COS be only about term limits there is nothing that will hold the COS to that limitation.

H.J.R. No 2 is not about term limits but a ploy by the well funded ALEC lobby group, and others, to make radical changes to the US Constitution and remove basic rights of US Citizens. If enough states apply for a COS to be enacted then there is nothing to stop multiple amendments completely changing the checks and balances of our federal government. With a current President who has stated on the record that he does not know if he has to abide by his oath and follow the US Constitution (NBC News May 4, 2025) having a COS with no limits or controls on making changes to the Constitution is frightening.

If the Ohio elected members of the statehouse wish to have term limits for federal elected positions then they should lobby Congress to pass a Constitutional Amendment.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on H.J.R. No 2.