

Opposition to House Joint Resolution 1
House Constitutional Resolutions Committee
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Chairman Plummer, Vice Chair Hillyer, Ranking Member Mohamed and members of the committee thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HJR1. Let me start by saying that if this wasn't such a serious subject, I would find it laughable that members of Ohio's legislative supermajority are concerned about protecting Ohio's constitution. Last fall's election was based on UNCONSTITUTIONAL maps so the seats that you are holding are literally unconstitutional. It seems that the constitution is only important when our republican legislators want it to be.

This body has time and again shown that they will use their unconstitutional power to maintain minority rule in our state. HJR1 is just another way to do so. There are a number of issues on which this legislature has shown no interest in listening to the voices of their constituents across the state. The people of Ohio are not being heard by those that are SUPPOSED TO represent them and their interests.

Now, more than ever, Ohioans need a way to push back on lawmakers that are not held accountable thanks to gerrymandered unconstitutional maps pushed through by the Ohio Redistricting Commission. If you ran for office and came to this place because you truly care about serving all of those who live in your district, you must oppose HJR1 and allow every day Ohioans' voices to be heard.