

I am opposed to the resolution and anything that makes it harder for voters to amend our Ohio Constitution.

The fact that Ohio is among only 18 states allowing citizens to amend their constitutions is a condition that I highly value because it makes the state more democratic. Gerrymandering has made Ohio less democratic so direct democracy to amend the constitution is the best voting power that Ohio voters now possess. Requiring 60% of the vote for any citizen-initiated amendment to pass reduces freedom and democracy in Ohio.

The resolution threatens one person, one vote in Ohio and does not control special interests access to initiatives. I believe that the 2015 amendment to our Ohio Constitution does a good job to bar special interests from abusing Ohioans. If special interests need additional attention, this could be handled by stopping special interests from getting an initiative on the ballot instead of targeting voters' ability to pass proposals. By not going directly after special interests, SJR 2 raises the chances that moneyed special interests with resources to advocate for initiatives would be able to get them passed.