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Chair Plummer, Vice Chair Hillyer, and Ranking Member Mohamed, thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to HJR1 today. My name is Jeff Dieringer and I am with SEIU District 1199 WV/KY/OH and we represent over 13,000 workers in Ohio. These workers are citizens of this State and would potentially stand to lose their right to democracy, which has been guaranteed in the Ohio Constitution for over 100 years, if HJR1 moves forward.

HJR1 would have a detrimental impact to Ohio's current path. We have received extremely amazing news in Ohio over the last two years from the multiple manufacturing announcements to a whole host of companies announcing expansion in Ohio that benefits workers and the State. HJR1 would disrupt this string of good news by stripping away rights and degrading democracy in our State.

Measures like HJR1 would certainly harm the workforce expansion efforts that are much needed in Ohio to continue on our path of economic success. Restricting rights by removing majority rule and making it harder for the people of Ohio to check the power of government will affect our ability to recruit out-of-state workers and keep people here. The last thing we need is divisive measures that will cause chaos.

On behalf of our members, SEIU District 1199 vehemently opposes HJR1 because it is unnecessary, undemocratic, and unpopular. We are at a critical juncture right now and we cannot afford to be passing measures such as HJR1 that limit the power of the people and democracy. Thank you. I will now take any questions.