Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Mohamed, and members of the Constitutional Resolutions Committee:

My name is Julie Wasserstrom and I am a proud Ohioan and a proud mother to a precious baby. I have never written a testimony on any issues before, but I am writing to let you know how much I oppose HJR 1.

The reason I feel compelled to speak out on this topic is because it is bigger than any one issue we face today. This is about changing the rules of our state constitution in order to suppress majority rule. The profound impact this will have on our future democracy in Ohio can not be overstated. This does not represent the values of the Ohio I was raised in and I want my daughter and future children to have as much of a voice as we have had. To me this is a clear bipartisan issue which is so rare and important these days.

The tactics used to quickly push this through without public debate are dishonest and we the people of Ohio are watching. I implore this committee to please restore our trust and vote no in order to protect our precious Ohio democracy.

Thank you, Julie Wasserstrom