

Chairman, members of the committee:

My name is Kathleen Tate and I live at 317 Northern Spy Circle in Howard Ohio. I am here today because I am opposed to Bill HJR1.

I was born, raised and graduated from high school here in Ohio. After High School, I followed President Kennedy's advice and asked not what my country could do for me but asked what I could do for my country so I served in the Air Force. Service and fairness for are what I stand for. I am opposed to this bill because it goes against that.

This bill is unfair to voters. One person one vote expresses the principle of equal representation in voting. That means each vote is valued the same. What this bill does is give greater value to minority votes than to the majority ones.

This bill makes it a lot harder for voters to keep legislators accountable. Getting a citizen initiative on the ballot is not easy. It is time consuming, expensive and requires a huge commitment of the voters. It is not undertaken on a whim, and it is not something that will give voters compensation. There have been few citizen initiatives on the ballot, and when there have been, they have not reached 60% of votes you want to require instead of the current majority. In other words, voters could not hold you accountable, for your legislative actions, by using the citizen initiative

Ballot initiatives protect freedom for voters to exercise the right to determine what happens in our state. The power needs to be in the hands of the voters don't tie our hands! Keep the one person one vote where the majority vote wins

Thank you for your time.