

**Opponent Testimony of Marcia Miller
Regarding House Joint Resolution 1
Presented to the Ohio House Constitutional Resolutions Committee**

Chair Plummer, Vice Chair Hudson Hillyer, Ranking Member Mohamed and Members of the Ohio House Constitutional Resolutions Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to this committee regarding House Joint Resolution 1. My name is Marcia Miller, and I live and vote in Galloway, OH. I am opposed to House Joint Resolution 1—this proposal is an attack on the right of all Ohioans to the citizen-initiated constitutional amendment process.

I oppose House Joint Resolution 1 because:

- All Ohioans deserve a right to a direct democracy, as enshrined in the 1912 amendments to the Ohio Constitution.
- A 50% vote threshold for constitutional amendments ensures the majority in Ohio prevails in democratic decision making at the ballot, just as it does when the General Assembly passes laws.
- HJR 1 is clearly designed to enshrine the supermajority's power and stop future constitutional amendments that the majority of Ohioans support.

I also oppose HB 144, related to HJR 1, because:

- An August Special Election this year, only for a ballot initiative, is a waste of taxpayer resources
- Any change to the Ohio Constitution should be on the ballot during an election when the most Ohioans show up to vote, such as a General Election.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today, and I will answer any questions you may have about my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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