

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 18 April 2023

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): House Joint Resolution 1

Specific Issue:

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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Will your testimony be written, spoken, or both? **Written**

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Ultimate authority should rest with The People, expressed, as in our elections, by a majority vote.

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A lifelong resident of Ohio, I am very concerned about HJR1 and SJR2.

We face a disturbing crisis of confidence and participation in our government and this seems the wrong thing at the wrong time. Seemingly designed to empower the legislature, skewed in representation via gerrymandering as identified by the Ohio Supreme Court, over the people at a time when the legislative branch is the least-trusted branch of government – it is alarming.

It is right that We the People should have the ultimate voice in our government. Efforts to subvert that are efforts to subvert democracy itself.

I urge you to protect Ohio's majority-rule democracy. Vote no on HJR1.

Michael Wildermuth