

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 04/17/2023

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Organization (If Applicable): _____

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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): HJR1

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

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? 5 Minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position: I oppose this attempt to strip Ohio voters of their attempt to hold our state legislature accountable through citizen ballot initiatives.

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Witness Testimony

HJR1 is being presented as a means to protect Ohioans from out of state influence in our state; however, it will not protect us from those who wish to do harm from within. Our state legislature has shown a willful disregard for the will of the people and this is just another attempt to strip Ohio's citizens of their constitutional rights to hold this legislature accountable. They have ignored Ohioans by using illegal partisan maps after Ohioans overwhelmingly voted for a bi-partisan mapping commission and the state supreme court ruled the current maps unconstitutional. Now they want to change all citizen led ballot initiatives to require a threshold of 60% approval. A 60% approval that this bill will not require to pass. A 60% approval that the legislature will not have to adhere to. A 60% approval that will only apply to Ohioans attempts to make our own decisions. The state legislature is not a class of unaccountable lords who can do as they please while treating Ohio citizens as serfs who bend to their will. You serve us. This bill is unfair, unnecessary, unpopular, undemocratic and anti Ohio.