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House Joint Resolution 1 is an attack on ballot initiatives. This resolution that would require public-led ballot initiatives to receive a supermajority of 60% of votes instead of a simple majority of 50% + 1 to pass is a blatant attack on the currently circulating petition *The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety*. It is interesting that this HJR was previously introduced in 2022 as HJR 6 but did not pass the General Assembly. It was rejected because House Leadership said it was too expensive and off-cycle elections did not have enough voter turnout to reflect the will of the people.

The current attempt to pass a supermajority rule is happening because it is becoming evident – not just in Ohio but across the country – that people support and want women to have the right to determine their reproductive lives. HJR1 is a blatant political ploy to thwart the will of the people

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