

I am writing to express my deep concern about Ohio HJR 1 and SJR 2, proposals that would make it much more difficult for citizens to exercise their freedom through the ballot initiative process. As elected officials, it is your duty to protect the democratic process and ensure that the voices of all Ohioans are heard. These proposals threaten to do just the opposite.

Ohio HJR 1 and SJR 2 would require a 60% vote to approve any constitutional amendment and would require signatures from each of the 88 counties. This would create a nearly impossible hurdle for citizens seeking to make changes to the Ohio Constitution and would effectively limit the ability of citizens to impact government.

As elected officials, you have a responsibility to protect the rights of your constituents and ensure that they have the ability to impact government. Ballot initiatives are an essential tool for citizens to exercise their freedom and make their voices heard. By limiting this tool, Ohio HJR 1 and SJR 2 threaten the very foundation of democracy and could disenfranchise many citizens.

Furthermore, these proposals are an affront to the will of the people. The ballot initiative process is a direct expression of the will of the people, and it should not be limited by politicians seeking to protect their own interests. If citizens are unable to impact government through the ballot initiative process, it creates a dangerous power imbalance that favors the interests of elected officials over the interests of the people they represent.

Limiting the ballot initiative process would effectively silence the voices of Ohio citizens and prevent them from exercising their freedom. It is crucial that we protect the right of citizens to impact government and make changes to their governing document.

I urge you to oppose Ohio HJR 1 and SJR 2 and to work to protect the democratic process in Ohio. We must ensure that the voices of all Ohioans are heard and that citizens have the ability to impact government. By standing up against these proposals, you will send a clear message that you value the rights of your constituents and that you are committed to protecting the foundations of democracy.

Thank you for your attention, and I hope that you will join me in opposing Ohio HJR 1 and SJR 2.