

TESTIMONY OF COLLEEN J. RAGLE
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COLUMBUS, OHIO
LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON H.J.R 3
February 2, 2024

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking member Humphrey, and members of the committee: My name is Colleen Ragle. I am a constituent in House District 67 (Ashland).

I am writing to you today on behalf of my five children Paula, Karen, Christine, Austin and Carly as well as my eleven grandchildren Nick, Emma, Lauren, Matthew, Jonathan, Olivia, Andrew, Faith, Katie, Lucy and Caleb. I give you their names because they are real people, they are our future. They don't deserve a less-free America. They don't deserve the ball and chain that is being forced upon them by our federal government.

I'll assume you all have a very good picture and are very aware of our runaway federal government, the runaway budget, the runaway federal power, the runaway corruption and collusion with outside organizations and special interest groups.

So, I ask...how bad does it have to get before our elected representatives act to protect our state by saying ENOUGH? Now we have the feds fighting with states working to secure their own borders. Unfortunately, and for far too long, states so willingly gave away their power, their rights, our rights. Well, I believe it's time to take them back, put them where they belong...with all of you in Columbus, Ohio!

We all know of the exploding debt, the exploding overreach in D.C. Heck, they don't even follow their own laws. I'm sure you are aware that government works best the closer they are to their constituents. The federal government was given specific powers in our Constitution by the states. We don't need to discuss how we got here or who is to blame, but since we all do recognize we are at serious crossroads, we need to act now!

I ask that you vote YES to pass HJR3. The states are the only solution.

I don't want my children/grandchildren to ever look at me when all is lost and say: Why didn't you do something? Well, I ask all of you...why don't you do something? You are the answer, you are the solution – let's do this together.

Thank you for your time!

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