



GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

Witness Form

Today's Date 04/17/2023

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Testifying on Bill Number: SJR 2

Testimony:  Verbal  Written  Both

Testifying As:  Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party Are you  
a Registered Lobbyist?  Yes  No

Special Requests: I am opposed to the resolution and anything that makes it harder for  
voters to amend the Ohio Constitution.

Written testimony is a public record and may be posted on the Ohio Senate's website

April 18th Testimony SJR 2 - Opponent

Chair: Senator Michael Rulli

Testinfinfing - Julia Cattaneo

Chair and Committee Members thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Julia Cattaneo. I live in Columbus Ohio and have family members in Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati, as well as other communities in this state. Politically my family includes beliefs and opinions from both sides of the aisles. What we all agree on is Democracy and that our votes should count, one person, one vote.

SJR2 and HJR1 are written to take away one person, one vote, to take away citizens' rights to have a check and balance on our legislators, and shift the power from a simple majority to a minority to control power. The supporters of SJR2 and HJR1 claim they are "protecting" our Constitution. From Sec. of State LaRose's Twitter account quoting Rep. Stewart from "For far too long, Ohio's Constitution has been exploited by outside groups and special interests seeking to alter our governing document to achieve their own political ends" I was at the hearing when Rep. Stewart expressed these same thoughts. YET, there is nothing in SJR2 or HJR1 that has anything written to improve the transparency of funding and groups involved in constitutional amendments. These resolutions do nothing BUT take away the power of Ohio voters to amend their constitution.

I am very familiar with the process to amend our constitution. There are already built-in safeguards and protections. So the real purpose of SJR2 and HJR1 and the timing of these resolutions is truly suspect. Please stop trying to GASLIGHT Ohio voters. These resolutions are not targeting "outside money or interest groups". SJR2 and HJR1 are targeting Ohioans' rights to one person one vote, our democracy, and power in our voices being heard. A simple majority, not 60%, is a true representation of Ohio voters.

Vote no on SJR2, it is costly, unnecessary, unpopular, and undemocratic.

Thank you,

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