

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: April 17, 2023

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

Organization (If Applicable): _____

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): Senate Joint Resolution 2

Specific Issue: Opposed to anything that makes it harder for voters to amend the Ohio Constitution.

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 have lived in Ohio for a total of 61 years, including 33 years practicing law in Ohio. Similar to Theodore Roosevelt, I am appalled by and I protest actions proposed by Senate Joint Resolution 2 to thwart, rather than secure, the absolute right of the people to rule themselves. It is significant that Senate Joint Resolution 2 would take away a right that has existed for over 100 years. Legislatively referred constitutional amendments have never proposed an amendment that takes away Ohio voters' right to vote. And, Senate Joint Resolution 2

uses a ploy of an August special election. The last and only other time the state legislature referred a measure to the ballot for an August special election was 1926. In the August 2022 primary, only 8% of Ohio registered voters came out to vote. Certainly, if there is to be an amendment to the Ohio Constitution that limits voters' right to vote, 8% is not the way this should be done. I strongly protest Senate Joint Resolution 2.

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