

Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Julie M Murray I am an Ohio citizen of 50 years and I care about Democracy now more than ever. *I have to work and so I am emailing you my testimony.* I am strongly opposed to HB 1.

Last August I was totally dismayed that Ohioans were forced to pay for an unnecessary and expensive extra election, which Republicans had just committed to saying there would be no more August elections, to try to prevent citizen initiative generated issues from being on the ballot without 60% of the voting public agreeing to it. HB 1 is one more attempt to subvert the democratic process as a way of one more time trying to avoid the citizens of Ohio insisting on non-gerrymandered voting districts. We passed the law in 2015 and again in 2018 with wide citizen approval and I have been gathering signatures for us to vote in November to create FAIR DISTRICTS in Ohio.....because despite the Supreme Court ruling, Ohio Voters still do not have the fair districts, non-gerrymandered voting districts that we need and chose.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this *undemocratic, unnecessary, dangerous, unAmerican*, bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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