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# Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein Statement Opposing Changes that would make it Harder for Citizens to Pass Constitutional Amendments

*Says politicians need to trust voters to do what is best for Ohio*

**COLUMBUS, OH**— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein issued a statement today in opposition to House Joint Resolution (HJR) 1, a proposed constitutional amendment that would make it harder for citizens to pass any future amendments to the Ohio Constitution by removing majority rule and replacing it with a 60 percent passage threshold.

**“HJR 1 is an undemocratic, unpopular and unfair power grab by extremist politicians and the special interests that bankroll their campaigns. This proposal would get rid of citizen-led ballot initiatives as we know them by stripping away the ability for the majority of voters to decide what’s best for our state.**

**“The truth is that Ohioans already understand the gravity of what it means to amend our constitution. That’s why voters have opposed more than 70 percent of citizen-initiated constitutional amendments since 1912. Time and again Ohioans have shown they take their voting responsibility seriously, and yet, the entire basis of HJR 1 is that voters can’t be trusted. I reject that notion. When the majority of Ohioans speak, politicians should listen. We need to trust the voters, not limit their voice and their power. HJR 1 must be rejected.”**

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