



# AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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To: Members of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

From: Americans for Tax Reform

Re: Citizen Initiative

Dear Members of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and our supporters across Ohio, I urge you to oppose the proposed recommendation that would make it more difficult for the citizens of Ohio to enact a constitutional amendment through the initiative petition process.

This proposed recommendation would require citizen-initiated measures to meet a higher vote threshold of 55%. The Legislature can refer measures to the ballot with a simple majority. Under this recommendation, a minority of voters could block needed and wanted reforms.

Americans for Tax Reform opposes the proposed recommendation to make it more difficult to pass citizen-initiated constitutional amendments and asks the full commission to re-consider any such recommendation. Most troubling is the creation of a double-standard which would make Ohio the only state whereby legislative-proposed amendments could be enacted with a simple majority but citizen-proposed amendments would require a supermajority. On behalf of Ohio's taxpayers, please vote against the pending recommendation regarding Article II, Section 1(a), of the Ohio Constitution.

ATR will be educating your constituents and all Ohio taxpayers as to how lawmakers in Columbus vote on this, and other important fiscal and economic matters throughout the legislative session. Please look to ATR to as a resource on tax, budget, and other policy matters pending before you. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Gleason, ATR's director of state affairs, at (202) 785-0266 or [pgleason@atr.org](mailto:pgleason@atr.org).

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