House Government Oversight Committee
House Bill 42
Written Testimony Only

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Dear Chairman Hall, Vice Chair Ferguson, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Government Oversight Committee,

My name is Daniel Flynn, and I am a resident of Cincinnati, OH. Thank you for the opportunity to submit opponent testimony on Ohio HB 42.

I am appalled by this bill. There are already so many necessary qualifications and stipulations in place for state residents to access public benefits. What problem exactly is this bill solving? The answer is none.

This bill is nothing more than a shining example of government overreach. Rather than trying to solve real issues plaguing our communities, it seeks to use tax dollars to scapegoat, intimidate, and further shun immigrants. We need to be using our limited resources to instead focus on the actual concerns of residents: hunger, healthcare, housing, safety, and more.

Immigrants are important, contributing members of the cities and counties across our state. We need them to continue building a society where all people can thrive. This bill only sends people further into the shadows; schools and service agencies will tell you how this is already happening.

Please do not advance this bill. It is not needed and not helpful!

Sincerely,
Daniel Flynn