

Testimony Against H.B. 1
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Testifying as Opponent

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Good morning, Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Miller, and distinguished members of the House Public Safety Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to oppose House Bill 1. I also thank God for allowing me to stand here today.

My name is Yuan Ye. I am a licensed real estate agent, and my husband has worked at Cincinnati Children's Hospital for nearly 11 years. We currently live in Mason, Ohio, where we are raising our two daughters. One is named Grace, which means grace from God, and the other is Gloria, which means glory to God.

I mention God frequently because Christians in America showed us God's love and helped us know God since we arrived in the U.S., we believe God has always been with my family. God knows how hard we've worked to pursue the American Dream. God knows that we waited 10 years to receive our green cards. When life felt bitter and uncertain, Holy Spirit would say, "Once you get your green card, life will get better." And thanks to God—we finally received our green cards last year.

Yes, God is always right. **life is much better now.** We are always thankful that **God has given us more opportunities to serve Him.** Not only can we take care of our own family, but we are also able to **help others** and **volunteer in our community.**

But these two bills—**HB1 and SB88**—have made us feel deeply **frustrated and heartbroken.** This is **racist and discriminatory.**

HB 1 means that Chinese-born individuals with legal visas or green cards would no longer be allowed to buy homes to live in themselves.

SB 88 goes even further—it would force green card holders to sell their owner-occupied homes within two years.

I pray to God and ask, "What is Your will, Lord? Is it truly Your plan that nearly 37,000 individuals in Ohio, who hold legal visas or green cards, will no longer have the right to buy a home to live in? Is it Your plan that our children should grow up facing discrimination in America?"

After years of hard work, is our American Dream meant to be shattered like this?"

I continue to pray and wait for God's answer.

I respectfully urge you to vote **NO** on House Bill 1.

Please allow individuals with legal visas and green cards to buy homes for themselves to live in.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Yuan Ye