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Dear Chairwoman Abrams, Vice Chair Miller, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the House Public Safety Committee,

Ohio holds a special place in the hearts of my family of five. After years of moving across the country, we finally found our home in the beautiful Buckeye State. We purchased a comfortable house, put down roots, and began building a life together. Fifteen years have since passed, and today, we proudly call Ohio our home.

As a family, we've traveled extensively over the years, but no matter where we went, we always found ourselves missing Ohio within just a few days. That's how deeply connected we are to this place. I still remember the heartache when Ohio State lost to Michigan on November 30th last year. But the joy and sense of redemption we felt when the Buckeyes beat Oregon was unforgettable. And when OSU won the National Championship on January 20th, I experienced a profound sense of pride in being an Ohioan.

Professionally, Ohio has been a land of opportunity. I began my career as an engineer and, over time, advanced to the role of Vice President at an S&P 500 company. I've led projects totaling hundreds of millions of dollars—initiatives that have significantly contributed to Ohio's economic growth. Just as important, I've remained committed to giving back to my community, whether through city programs, state efforts, or national service. It's been a privilege to contribute in meaningful ways.

Spiritually, Ohio has been equally transformative. Six months after moving here, I became a Christian—thanks in large part to the encouragement and witness of others, including many immigrants who generously shared their own journeys of faith. In November 2021, just one month before completing seminary, I felt God's call to plant a church. Today, I am honored to serve as a church planter, reaching out to people from all walks of life, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and witnessing firsthand the miraculous transformation of lives.

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I thank God for these many blessings, and I thank the State of Ohio for being a place where my family could grow—personally, professionally, and spiritually.

However, none of this would have been possible if House Bill 1 had been in place. This bill threatens to do profound and lasting harm to Ohio's economy and core values, making the state far less attractive to talented individuals and families like mine.

As the Apostle Paul wrote in **Galatians 3:28**:

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Though proponents of House Bill 1 claim it supports national security, it raises serious constitutional concerns, particularly in two areas:

1. **The Equal Protection Clause** of the Fourteenth Amendment
2. **The Due Process Clause** of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments

With the utmost respect, I urge the Public Safety Committee to reject House Bill 1 in its entirety.

United, we build a stronger Ohio; divided, we all suffer. Let us come together to strengthen our state—honoring both the Constitution and the founding principles of our nation: equality, liberty, and the rule of law.

In Christ,



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