Testimony Against H.B. 1 Submitted by: Fengxia Zhu Testifying as Opponent

May 16, 2025 Fengxia Zhu 825 Rock Creek Dr. Aurora OH 44202

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against House Bill 1. I am Fengxia Zhu, a resident in Aurora and an associate professor at Cleveland State University.

I have lived in Ohio for nine years and believe that Ohio thrives on the support, contributions, and diversity of its residents, regardless of their country of origin.

H.B.1. threatens people like me, who are here legally, peacefully, and with a desire to contribute, into second-class residents. It tells us we are not welcome, not because of anything we've done, but simply because of where we were born. That is not only unfair—it's un-American.

I respectfully urge the House Public Safety Committee to consider my testimony and to vote NO on H.B. 1. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Fengxia Zhu