

## **Testimony in opposition to Ohio House Bill 1 (HB1)**

Submitted to the Ohio Legislature at 5/17/2025

Honorable members of the Ohio legislature,

I stand before you today to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1, which seeks to ban property ownership in Ohio by individuals and entities from some countries including China. While I understand the intent to safeguard national security, this bill is overly broad, discriminatory, and counterproductive to Ohio's economic and social interests.

I immigrated to US 20 years ago with H4 visa. In the past 20 years, I had my older daughter and then go to Wright State University for a Master degree and got my CPA license, then got a job and started my career in US, then had my younger daughter, then move from Dayton to Chicago area, and then move back to Mason and started to work for GE Areospace 9 years ago, then got my citizenship 5 years ago. This is a very long process for a immigrant to become a citizen that most of committee members never experienced. In the past 20 years, my husband and I bought house 3 times, in Troy, in Roscoe, and in Mason. We usually purchase house based on its convinience for education, commuting, and community safty. We have a very good memory to live in these 3 different places. If HB1 passed, that means.... I couldn't purchased house when I am not citizen. That would make me hard to balance my work, my family life and even my familiy's safety. Because I maynot live in a place with proper education, proper job and short commuting time. Think about so many visa and green card holders in GE, P&G, Johnson Johnson, UC, OSU, Case Western, Cleveland Clinic, Fuyao, etc...how this bill would destory their life and even force them to give up their jobs and even leave Ohio. If this situation happen, don't you think this would impact Ohio's economy and future investment?

I understand the security concern of this bill. But the committee on foreign investment in US (CFIUS) already address this concern and review real estate transactions near sensitive sites for national security risks. Is State-level ban necessary?

So, I think HB1 is a misguided solution that will harm Ohio's economy, divide sociaty, and fail to meaningfully improve security. I urge you to oppose this bill and pursue balanced policies that protect both national interest and Ohio's growth.

Respectfully submitted

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