

**Testimony Against H.B. 1
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Testifying as Opponent**

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Dear Ohio House Representatives,

I want to submit my written testimony against H.B.1 as it will hurt the American Dream of legal immigrants. Born in China and now a proud US citizen, I have worked hard in the US and for the US. This year is very special to me since 30th years ago, I came to the US with a dream to become a PhD. I studied hard as a student, received an offer from the University of Cincinnati (UC) in 2001 as an Assistant Professor, worked hard and was promoted to full professor. At UC, I advised hundreds of MS and PhD students, and also taught thousands of undergraduate students. Becoming a professor is my dream job. I am very proud of what I have contributed to Ohio and the US.

Owning a house is a significant part of my American dream. It is one of the biggest investments of my family and is a symbol of settling down at UC. After many years living in an apartment, I bought my house in Mason when I was a permanent resident with a green card. I raised my family and worked hard at my job, while the house offered a place to recharge, and a sense of belonging.

If H.B.1 passes, it will severely affect the STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine) workforce as many valuable employees going through the legal immigration pathways (from H1-B to greencard to citizenship) will not be able to own a house. Ohio will lose its competitiveness.

H.B.1 threatens the value of fairness and diversity that defines this country. As someone who came with an American Dream and an active contributor to the US and Ohio, I am strongly against it. I want you to vote against it, and protect Ohio's best interest. Many of your ancestors came to the US with the same dream as mine. I hope you can protect the rights of all lawful immigrants who are contributors to a better America. I respectfully urge the Committee members to vote NO on HB1 and support a future where all legal residents are treated fairly.

Sincerely,



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