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### Opponent Testimony on House Bill 1

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

Thank you for the opportunity for me to provide opponent testimony on House Bill 1. My name is Jun Lu. I am an immigrant to the United States. I grew up in China, came to the US for post-graduate studies, got married in Michigan, and am working and raising three children in Ohio. I have obtained UC citizenship and I am a proud American now!

I am opposing HB1 on the ground that its all-encompassing scope would hurt innocent people's life chances through discriminating them and denying their access to fair housing. I understand HB1 is proposed out of concerns for national security and I highly appreciate that. However, in its current form, the bill is mistargeting at the wrong people and is unlikely to appropriately address and achieve its claimed goals.

According to the CATO Institute's report on *Espionage, Espionage-Related Crimes, and Immigration: A Risk Analysis, 1990-2019*,\* the annual change of being an identified spy among people whose country of origin is China is as little as 1 in 403,589. Please note that Ohio has about 80,000 people whose country of origin is China. When we look at these two numbers together, we know the probability of any Chinese Ohioan to commit any form of espionage is close to zero.

Given the statistical fact that the risk for national security infringement among Ohioan Chinese is minimal, I respectfully urge the committee to rethink the bill and refine its terms so that the innocent, hard-working, law-abiding Chinese Ohioans will not be affected adversely by it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

\*[Espionage, Espionage-Related Crimes, and Immigration: A Risk Analysis, 1990–2019 | Cato Institute](#)