

## **Testimony Opposing Ohio House Bill 1**

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**Testifying as Opponent**

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Dear Chair Abrams, Vice-Chair Miller, Ranking Member Thomas and Members of the Public Safety Committee:

I wanted to thank you ahead for reading my testimony to oppose House Bill 1. I was shocked when the bill got my attention last weekend right after Graduates Commencement when I hooded one of my advisees in Master Program of Professional Communication. The day I found my pride in professing younger generation switched into a nightmare.

I have been serving in higher education in Ohio for about a decade with my doctoral degree in Communication. I am a middle-age woman with Chinese origin. I am a single mom, living with my 10-year son born in Bowling Green, Ohio. He is an American citizen. I am not yet, but I am a lawful immigrant and resident in Ohio. I have involved in hosting Naturalization Ceremony at University of Findlay for three years as an usher. That was a touching moment to hear stories of the naturalized citizens from a variety of countries including China. I was thinking of my day in the future, not as an usher, but a candidate.

HB1 and SB88 would make it impossible. It is such a pain to witness a bill like HB1 being considered. I may end up with nowhere to live. To ban ownership of real property for any individuals with Chinese origin is discriminatory. They are lawful residents as you are. They have been enriching Ohio as an Ohioan day in and day out. Their property like mine need to be equally protected.

I urge this committee not to pass this bill. Reject discrimination and focus on the real issues facing our communities—affordable housing, healthcare, jobs.

Vote no on HB1 to equally protect any lawful residents' property and their respect and dignity.

Thank you.