

Written Testimony Opposing Ohio House Bill 1

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Dear Chair Abrams, Representative Thomas, Members of the Committee,

I, Leo Li a permanent residence of US since 2021, over 9 years ago my wife and I moved to US from China, I live in Dayton Ohio with my wife and my two boys since 2016 and my youngest child was born here in Kettering, we consider Dayton Ohio our home, we love our community, our neighbors, our schools, my boys have their buddies living next door, going to school together, do sports together, they truly bonded like brothers. We do our best to support our local community, pay our taxes and have the same contribution as US citizens.

If House Bill 1 passes, we will lose our home, our community, my children lose their friends and our world will be turned upside down, I don't even know how to explain to my boys what happened, and how to help them transition, I don't think they can really cope with it at their age, it will scar them for life. It takes a long time to become US citizens, we have not met our waiting time yet, and the 25 miles radius is too far, it includes our home, where we work and we will have to move our life and investments out of Ohio. It is a total disruption to our family. It's not the America that we know, we came to America for its democracy, equality, tolerance and a level playing field for investors, not to mention it raises serious constitutional concerns.

There're quite a few foreign invested businesses in the Dayton area employ thousands of people, if House Bill 1 passes, all these businesses would have to move away. All these people lose their jobs; that's substantial adverse economic impact to the local economy.

I sincerely and affirmatively oppose House Bill 1, I kindly and respectfully ask all committee members please take serious consideration of the huge impact to all the people, families and businesses on the local community, the long-term impacts of this legislation—not just who benefits now, but who will be left to bear the consequences later. HB 1 is not the kind of responsible tax policy that Ohioans deserve.

Please vote no on House Bill 1.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Leo Li