

I respectfully urge the House Public Safety Committee to vote NO on the current version of H.B. 1 and S.B. 88, the "Ohio Property Protection Act".

1. This bill violates the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.
2. The restrictions on buying real properties proposed in this bill violate the rights guaranteed by the 5th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
3. There is no evidence that restricting purchasing real property within a 25-mile radius of critical infrastructure would reduce security threats.
4. If passed, this bill would tremendously impact the Ohio economy. Restaurants would be forced to close due to customers moving out, and residents would be required to sell their properties within two years. Immigrants would seek opportunities in other states.
5. Residential property should be exempt from the restrictions.