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**Written Testimony Opposing House Bill 1 – Ohio Property Protection Act
Submitted to the Ohio House Public Safety Committee**

Zhenchao Wang
5/16/2025

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

My name is Zhenchao Wang, and I am writing to respectfully express my **strong opposition to House Bill 1**, also known as the Ohio Property Protection Act.

As an immigrant who chose to live in Ohio because of its welcoming communities and opportunity for all, I am deeply concerned by the discriminatory impact of this bill. While it may claim to protect critical infrastructure, the actual effect is much broader and more harmful—especially to people like me who moved to the United States to build a life and contribute positively to society.

House Bill 1 targets and limits the ability of certain individuals—based solely on their country of origin—to own property in Ohio. This is not just a national security measure; it sends a damaging message that entire groups of people are not welcome. The restriction that applies to property “within twenty-five miles of critical infrastructure” covers a massive part of Ohio. In practice, this would make it extremely difficult for many immigrants and international residents—especially those from Asian and Middle Eastern countries—to own a home or run a business in most of the state.

To me, and to many in my community, this feels like **a broad and inefficient action taken in the name of security**, when in fact it severely harms innocent families, including those who love this country and call Ohio home. It's like **burning down a house to kill a rat**—the collateral damage is immense, and the approach is deeply flawed.

If the true intent of the bill is to reduce foreign influence in sensitive areas, there are far more targeted and constitutional ways to do that. Instead, this bill seems to disproportionately affect specific races and nationalities, which could be both morally wrong and legally questionable. It also does not reflect the values or the will of most Ohioans, who believe in fairness, inclusion, and equal opportunity.

I urge you to **reject House Bill 1** and instead pursue thoughtful, focused solutions that balance national security with the rights and dignity of all people living in Ohio.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Zhenchao Wang

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