

**Testimony Against H.B. 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 House Public Safety Committee,**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify against House Bill 1. My name is Yiting, and I am a resident of Perrysburg, Ohio, as well as a public high school teacher.

I lived in Beijing, China, for nearly 20 years, where I worked as a radio host, TV program manager in a media company. In 2015, after marrying my husband, an American citizen, I moved to Ohio. Upon arriving, I immediately began teaching Mandarin at the local Chinese School, served as a translator at an elementary school, and completed my Master's degree in World Language Education. I became a Mandarin and Chinese Culture teacher at a high school after. With the combined income of my husband and myself, we purchased a new home in Perrysburg.

As an Ohio resident, I truly love this state, love my family and my students. I am proud to be an Ohio legal resident, a dedicated worker, and a skilled educator. Over the years, I've taught five hundred American students, helping them learn Mandarin and Asian culture, opening their eyes and minds, creating their multiple perspectives. And the house I purchased has allowed me to establish a sense of home and security in Ohio.

I totally understand the intention behind House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 88, which aim to address national security issues. But after some research, I am deeply concerned that these bills could inadvertently violate the Fair Housing Act. I support President Trump's national security policies, but I worry that HB 1 and SB 88—particularly their provisions restricting law-abiding residents from purchasing property near important infrastructure or farmland—could harm these individuals like myself. The broad language of these bills risks unfairly impacting permanent residents, which could complicate or restrict our ability to purchase homes. The vague enforcement could undermine our rights as lawful contributors to Ohio and this country.

Therefore, I respectfully urge the House Public Safety Committee to carefully consider my testimony and vote NO on HB 1. Thank you again for your time and consideration. I appreciate you hearing my voice, and I commend your continued dedication to the future of Ohio.

God bless Ohio and the United States of America.

Sincerely,  
Yiting