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

My name is Wenkui Wang. I live in Dublin and have proudly called Ohio home for the past seventeen years. I am writing today to respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 1.

HB1 is a discriminatory and deeply troubling proposal that echoes the alien land laws of 100 years ago — laws designed to target and marginalize Asian Americans, particularly those of Chinese descent. If passed, this bill would effectively ban many immigrants from owning property in Ohio and could even force current property owners to sell their homes simply because of their national origin. This is chillingly reminiscent of the Chinese Exclusion Act and the unjust incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The individuals and families who would be affected by this bill are our neighbors and colleagues—hardworking, law-abiding, tax-paying members of our communities. They are factory workers, small business owners, engineers, professors, and executives—all contributing to Ohio's economy and society in pursuit of the American Dream.

House Bill 1 may also run afoul of constitutional protections, including the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, as well as the Fair Housing Act of 1968, exposing our state to legal and financial risk.

Please vote **NO** on HB1 to uphold the values of fairness, equality, and opportunity that define our state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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