

Testimony Against Senate Bill 88

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Testifying as Opponent

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Dear Beth Liston, Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Miller, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the House Public Safety Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today regarding Ohio Senate Bill 88. I am Bradley W. Shriver, a Dublin, Ohio resident. I am here to express my strong opposition to this bill.

I understand that the intention of this bill is to restrict the acquisition of real property, particularly by foreign entities. However, I believe that the bill will have serious negative consequences for the state of Ohio and its citizens, including the potential for discrimination.

My primary concern with Senate Bill 88 are as follows:

- The bill's broad definitions of 'foreign entity' could lead to discriminatory targeting of individuals and businesses based on their national origin or perceived ethnicity, harming Ohio's reputation as a welcoming state and potentially violating principles of equal protection.
- The increased regulatory burden on property transactions, coupled with vague definitions, creates an environment ripe for subjective interpretation and potential bias, which could discourage foreign investment from specific regions or countries, impacting Ohio's economic growth.

These consequences will harm Ohio's economy, limit property rights, and create unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles, while also raising serious concerns about discrimination and the erosion of fundamental principles of fairness and equal treatment. For these reasons, I urge you to vote against Senate Bill 88.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,



Bradley W. Shriver