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Testifying as Opponent to House Bill 1: Enact Ohio Property Protection Act

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to express my opposition to H.B. No. 1 *Ohio Property Protection Act*. I appreciate the opportunity to provide this written testimony and I will keep it brief so I can concisely convey my reasoning for my opposition:

- My ex-wife is a US Permanent Resident and Chinese citizen; We have a happy and energetic 6-year-old son together.
  - Despite our differences, this is one topic we can agree on.
- I am concerned that the language in the bill around foreign adversaries and critical infrastructure will significantly negatively impact my family and my community.
  - o I am using Chinese families in my example because they are closest to me:
    - The Chinese families I know have personal reasons for not becoming US citizens (many are Permanent Residents, like my ex-wife).
      - These same families are normal families like yours or mine they are working hard to improve their lives and community, just like me - they are not adversaries.
- I can understand that we do not want a foreign government or its agents purchasing land adjacent to military bases or power generation plants. Critical infrastructure, as defined in ORC 2911.21, can refer to everything from an oil refinery, electric transmission lines, and other neighborhood infrastructure.
  - This seems unreasonable given the broad definition and its application to normal individuals like you or me.

I come to you with the reasons above for my opposition to this bill. If enacted, it would have a devastating effect on my family and my community. I can understand the need to protect 'critical infrastructure' but it should not come at the expense of the liberty of legally present hardworking families and individuals across the state we call home.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the great State of Ohio. Please accept this testimony as my opposition to House Bill 1.

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