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The Ohio Statehouse 1 Capitol Square Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attn: Chair Roegner and the Senate General Government Committee

RE: Senate Bill 88

Ohio Senate Bill 88 as drafted will cause irreparable harm to our city, our residents, and our region.

Senate Bill 88 would force companies whose ultimate owners are headquartered in a handful of foreign countries, including China, to sell their property, close their Ohio facilities and eliminate Ohio jobs. For Moraine, the impact would be devastating.

One of our largest employers, Fuyao Glass America (FGA), would be directly affected. After General Motors closed its Moraine assembly plant in 2008, our community and region were left reeling. With collaborative assistance from several regional partners, including the state of Ohio, FGA has invested more than \$1 billion in our city over the past 10 years which has transformed and reenergized the shuttered former GM facility. FGA's investment has created 3,000 jobs in our city.

Thanks to FGA, we are home to the largest single site auto glass manufacturing facility in the world. FGA provides more innovative and high-quality automotive glass to U.S. automakers than any other company. Their commitment and continued investment have made Moraine and Ohio the mecca of the auto glass world.

The above-mentioned has created a rebirth of opportunity for our city. Families have good paying jobs. Local businesses have customers. Our local school districts, public services and infrastructure are supported by the tax revenues generated by FGA and its employees. This success story is exactly what we hope for in economic development: taking a shuttered facility and turning it into a thriving engine of growth.

Senate Bill 88 puts all of that at risk. If this bill becomes law without changes, Moraine and the State stand to lose a major economic driver.

Thousands of jobs would be eliminated. Families would face unemployment. Our local tax base would collapse. And the ripple effects would extend across the Dayton region and throughout Ohio's automotive supply chain.

FGA is a key supplier to other Ohio automakers, including Jeep in Toledo and Honda in Central Ohio. Virtually all Jeep vehicles made in Toledo use FGA glass. GM, Ford, BMW and other automakers that make cars in the U.S. are all FGA customers.

Disrupting that supply chain would harm Ohio's broader manufacturing economy at a time when supply chain stability is more important than ever.

There is a better way. We urge the legislature to modify Senate Bill 88 to grandfather existing Ohio companies that have invested in Ohio and our communities. These companies should not be forced out of Ohio, nor should Ohioans who work for them lose their jobs. The Ohio companies that buy their products shouldn't be disrupted at a delicate time for supply chains.

In Moraine, we know firsthand what it looks like when a major employer leaves. We lived through it in 2008. We do not want to live through it again because of an unnecessary and destructive policy.

Protect our jobs. Protect our communities. Protect Ohio's future.

I respectfully ask our lawmakers to amend this legislation.

Michael Davis City Manager