

Testimony Against Senate Bill 88
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Testifying as an Opponent

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Dear Senate General Government Committee at Ohio State,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Ohio State Bill 88 (SB88).

As an immigrant from China who became a permanent resident of the United States in 2013, I have witnessed firsthand the values of inclusivity and opportunity that define this nation. The U.S. has long been a place where educated and skilled immigrants can thrive and contribute meaningfully to society — and Ohio is no exception. Legal immigrants play a vital role in the development and prosperity of this state.

SB88 seeks to restrict immigrants from certain countries, including China, from purchasing agricultural land and property in Ohio (The policy of 25 mile within a critical infrastructure makes nearly every house in Ohio state a protected property). This bill unfairly presumes malicious intent of immigrants based solely on national origin, targeting individuals who have lawfully entered the U.S. and abided by its laws. Such a policy is discriminatory, unjust, and counter to the values this country stands for.

From my experience, every Chinese immigrant I know came to the U.S. in pursuit of a honest life, not with any hidden agenda. They are well-educated, hardworking, and contribute to society through careers in industry, academia, medicine and other fields. They pay taxes, raise families, and are active participants in the economic and social fabric of Ohio.

I urge the committee to reflect on the broader implications of SB88. Nearly all Americans are descendants of immigrants. Today, this bill singles out a group based on their country of origin. Tomorrow, it could be another group. This sets a dangerous precedent — a potential first step down a slippery slope of exclusion and division.

Please vote NO on SB88. Uphold the principles of fairness, inclusion, and justice that make our nation strong.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Xuefeng Wang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.