

My father is a renowned history professor working at a prestigious university in China. He experienced Cultural Revolution in his teenager years. From 1966 to 1976, Chinese Communist Government put lots of innocent people in prison only because some of them went to US for graduate schools. The Communist Government called them traitors, spies, etc. Nobody in my family was persecuted during that period of time. However, as an intellectual who was longing for democracy and justice, my father worked very hard and his dream was to send me, his only daughter, to the US. I still remember very clearly when I was celebrating my 8-year birthday, looking at the flickering candles on my birthday cake, my father asked me to make a wish while at the same time whispered "Go to America" in my ears.

Three and a half decades later, this flashback looks like a big joke to me now. By introducing HB1 and SB 88, you, Ohio lawmakers, not only shattered my family's long-cherished dream for three generations, but also repeating the darkest moments in human history. You guys turn Ohio into Germany 100 years ago. You probably never realized that you are doing the exact same thing your enemy was doing 60 years ago!

We Asian Americans are not your scapegoats! We want justice! We want to live in an inclusive society that nobody has to worry about unfair treatment due to their skin color or nationality!