

Testimony Against Senate Bill 88
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Testifying as Opponent

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Chair Roegner, Vice-Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Senate General Government Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 88.

My name is Samuel Huang. I am a Chinese-born American citizen who has proudly lived in the United States for over twenty years. I currently reside in New York, but in recent years I have made frequent visits to Ohio—particularly to the city of Kettering—and have fallen in love with its peaceful neighborhoods, warm communities, and welcoming atmosphere. Because of this, I have been planning a move to Ohio.

Another reason for my planned move is that I have close friends and family in Dayton, including my daughter-in-law. As someone with limited mobility who relies on a walker and who is partially deaf, I have received great care and support from them. Living together would not only improve my quality of life but would also allow me to be surrounded by love and companionship in my later years.

However, I was shocked to learn about Senate Bill 88. While I understand the importance of national security, this bill feels overly broad and deeply concerning. A 25-mile restriction around undefined "critical facilities"—which may include airports, railways, or even water treatment plants—could cover much of the state, including the entire Kettering area. Even though I am a U.S. citizen, I am deeply worried about the potential impact on my friends and family who are legal immigrants but not yet citizens. They have done nothing wrong, have always respected the law, and have shown kindness to everyone, including me. Yet this bill could unfairly target them.

Furthermore, I fear this law could create a culture of fear and suspicion. Sellers, agents, and even neighbors might become wary of those who simply “look” Chinese, regardless of their citizenship or legal status. That kind of atmosphere undermines community trust and could lead to increased discrimination. I’m also concerned that such a law could push legal, peaceful immigrants out of Ohio—people who contribute to the economy, pay taxes, and enrich the cultural fabric of this state.

These concerns have made me reconsider my plan to relocate to Ohio. If SB88 passes, I may no longer feel welcome there. I would also strongly advise my friends—many of whom are Chinese-

born U.S. citizens or legal residents—not to retire or invest in Ohio, despite its affordable housing and peaceful environment.

We still have a chance to prevent this bill from becoming law. That is why I am speaking out now, to oppose SB88.

I respectfully urge the Senate General Government Committee to consider the real, human impact of this bill and vote NO on Senate Bill 88. We want to continue contributing to Ohio's growth—not be driven away from the communities we hope to call home.

Thank you again for your time and for listening to my story.

Sincerely,
Samuel Huang
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