

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 testify against Senate Bill 88. I am Feng Hu, a Solon Ohio resident and I am a data scientist and a mother of 4.

Both my husband and I are lawful permanent residents origin from China, and our children are born in the US. My husband is a general surgeon, and I am a senior data scientist. My husband is a Doctor of Medicine, and I got my master's degree from the Ohio State University. Our annual income is steadily over \$700K/year, meaning we pay ~\$23,000 state tax, ~\$12,000 for property tax, and ~\$5,000 for city tax.

If SB88 were to pass, we will for sure move out of state of Ohio and take our contribution elsewhere.

Not just us. I also did a bit of study to the impact of SB88. By defining Chinese origin students as "foreign adversaries", I'm sure the Chinese students coming to study in Ohio will drastically drop, especially to prestigious universities like the Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University. The loss in tuition is estimated to be ~450 million dollars along with ~200 million dollars in living cost every year.

I strongly oppose SB88 for the following reasons:

1. SB88 almost bans all Chinese lawful residents from living here. This will be a big hit to organizations with large number of researchers and talents such as Cleveland Clinic, prestigious universities, and big companies. For that reason, Ohio's science/technology development and education quality will drastically drop. I would not like my children to grow up here.
2. SB88 is defining people from some international backgrounds as "foreign adversaries", meaning the state will become hostile to people origin from foreign countries, as the trend goes on, the discrimination will extend to citizens originated

from foreign countries, also will extend to people originated from countries other than China, Russia, etc. I would not like to see that.

I respectfully urge you to consider my testimony and to vote NO on S.B. 88. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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