

**Testimony Against Senate Bill 88**  
**Submitted by: Bingling Zheng**  
**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 Bingling Zheng, a Lewis Center resident and a pharmacist with Kroger.

I came to the United States with a deep respect for its values—freedom, fairness, and equal opportunity. These are the ideals that inspired me to become a healthcare provider and to contribute to my community every day. As an immigrant, I work hard, pay taxes, and care deeply about the place I call home. That's why I'm speaking out against S.B. 88.

This bill would discriminate against Chinese citizens and force them to sell property in Ohio within two years. It unfairly targets people based solely on their citizenship, and it does so under a broad and unsubstantiated claim of national security. I oppose this bill for two key reasons:

First, it directly impacts people like me and members of my community. I know families who have lived here peacefully and lawfully for years—raising children, contributing to the economy, and investing in neighborhoods. They are now terrified that they'll be forced to sell their homes. One family I know recently bought their first house after years of saving. They have no ties to the Chinese government—just dreams of a better life. Under S.B. 88, they could lose everything simply because of where they were born. This is not who we are as Ohioans or Americans.

Second, this bill sets a dangerous precedent of racial profiling and scapegoating. We've seen this before in American history—from the Chinese Exclusion Act to Japanese internment during WWII. These policies were later acknowledged as shameful mistakes. Let's not repeat them. Security concerns should be addressed with precision and evidence—not with sweeping policies that punish innocent people. According to the National Association of Realtors,

foreign buyers accounted for just 2.3% of U.S. residential purchases in 2023, with Chinese buyers making up a small fraction of that (source). This bill is a solution in search of a problem.

Senate Bill 88 is discriminatory, misguided, and harmful to our state's reputation and values. I respectfully urge you to vote NO on S.B. 88.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Bingling Zheng