

**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 written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 88.

My name is Zhengsu He. I am a Chinese-born lawful permanent resident (green card holder) of the United States, and I currently live in New York. I have been planning to move to Ohio to be closer to my daughter, who lives in Dayton. I have always admired Ohio for its peaceful communities, beautiful environment, and affordable cost of living. However, I am deeply alarmed by the proposed SB88 and its potential consequences.

While I understand and support efforts to protect national security, I believe SB88 introduces serious ambiguity and unintended harm. I oppose the bill in its current form unless it is carefully amended with clear guidelines and protections. My concerns are as follows:

**1. Overly Broad Scope:**

The bill defines restricted areas around "critical infrastructure" so broadly—covering airports, railways, water facilities, and more—that it may affect most of Ohio's territory. If maps were drawn to show where foreign nationals are prohibited from owning property, would it cover nearly the entire state? Do we have data on how many individuals and businesses this would impact, and how many jobs could be at risk? It feels like the bill is using national security as a blanket justification without fully considering the human and economic consequences.

**2. Economic Harm to Ohio:**

Many businesses, restaurants, universities, and institutions across Ohio thrive thanks to the contributions of legal immigrants who live, work, and pay taxes here. I've lived in New York for years, where diversity has powered economic strength. California is another example of growth through inclusion. In contrast, states that have adopted anti-immigrant property laws, like Florida, are facing legal challenges and economic setbacks. I fear SB88

will hurt Ohio's communities and economy rather than help it. If the bill passes, I will need to reconsider my relocation plans.

**3. Lack of Enforcement Clarity and Humanity:**

SB88 does not explain how its rules would be enforced in a legal, transparent, and humane way. Forcing people to leave homes they have invested their life savings into is not just unjust—it is inhumane. Before any law like this is passed, there must be thoughtful, detailed consideration of how to handle enforcement in a fair and compassionate manner.

We still have an opportunity to stop this bill. That is why I am speaking out now, not just for myself, but for all those who hope to live peacefully and contribute meaningfully to Ohio's communities.

I respectfully urge the Senate General Government Committee to consider the real human cost of Senate Bill 88 and vote **NO**. Let us build a stronger Ohio together—not by exclusion, but through inclusion.

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

Sincerely,  
Zhengsu He  
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