

**Testimony Against SB88
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Testifying as Opponent**

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Dear Ohio Senate Representatives,

I want to submit my written testimony against SB88 as it will hurt the American Dream of legal immigrants. As you can see from my face and my last name, I was born in China. What people can not tell by the look is that I am a proud US citizen, I have worked hard for the US to earn it. This year is very special to me since 30 years ago, I came to the US with a dream to become a PhD. I studied hard as a student, moved to Ohio after graduation and became a faculty member in Ohio. For 20+ years, I advised hundreds of MS and PhD students in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine) fields, and also taught thousands of undergraduate students. Becoming a professor is my dream job. I am very proud of that I have contributed to the prosperity of Ohio and the US.

I am a tax-paying and law abiding citizen. Owning a house is a significant part of my American dream. It is one of the biggest investments of my family and offers me the peace of mind while working hard at my job. After many years living in an apartment, I bought my house when I was a permanent resident with a green card. The house offered a place to recharge, and a sense of belonging.

If SB88 passes, it will severely affect the STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math and medicine) workforce as many valuable employees going through the legal immigration pathways (from H1-B to greencard to citizenship) will not be able to own a house. Ohio will lose its competitiveness.

SB88 is discriminatory based on people's national origin and threatens the value of freedom and fairness that defines our country. This is also against President Trump's agenda to bring manufacturing back to the US. As someone who came with an American Dream and an active contributor to the US and Ohio, I am strongly against it.. Many of your ancestors came to the US with the same dream as mine. I hope you can protect the rights of all lawful immigrants who are contributors to Make America Great Again. I respectfully urge you to consider my testimony and vote NO on SB88 and protect Ohio's economy.

Thank you.



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