

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 in opposition to Senate Bill 88. My name is Joe Schroeder, and I am a resident of Mason, Ohio. I serve as a teacher with Mason City Schools, am an active member of the Kiwanis Club, and volunteer as a youth coach.

As a longtime resident of Mason—a city known for its rich diversity of cultures and ethnicities—I am deeply concerned that this bill, as currently written, would discriminate against members of our community who have long been hardworking, positive contributors, and overall fantastic individuals and families.

While I understand the intent of Senate Bill 88 may be to enhance protection, the language as proposed appears to risk unfairly targeting entire groups based solely on national origin. Rather than broadly restricting individuals based on their country of origin—many of whom are simply seeking a better life—I respectfully urge the Committee to consider a more targeted approach that focuses on known individuals with ties to terrorism, criminal activity, or hostile affiliations.

Such an approach would protect Ohio's interests without compromising the values of inclusivity and fairness that our state and nation represent.

I respectfully urge you to consider my testimony and to vote **NO** on Senate Bill 88. Thank you again for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Joe Schroeder
Mason, Ohio Resident