

Dear Ohio Senators,

I'm saddened to hear that Ohio is even considering S. B. no. 88. I am the son of Chinese immigrants and grew up in the south during desegregation. My parents immigrated to the US to avoid communism in the 1950's for graduate school, gained employment with a green card and eventually naturalized in this country. I was born in the US and have been proud to call myself an American, until recently. I believe that the racist policies that SB 88 is promoting is completely counter to the "American Dream". My parents lived the American dream, settled in the US, made a comfortable living and raised their 3 children to be law-abiding, tax-paying citizens. My 2 siblings became a medical doctor and a PhD scientist/business leader who has worked for the US defense business for decades, while I became an engineer, industrial designer, business leader and innovator. I have significantly contributed to our economy by helping to create and grow new multi-billion-dollar businesses while at P&G, creating an innovation, strategy, and venture capital capability at Worthington Industries (now Worthington Enterprises), mentoring various startups through Rev1 and now in the process of starting another company. I've also contributed to society by helping numerous non-profits and serving on their boards (including board chair), donating to them and advising them. My siblings and I have all contributed to society and to our local economies. This all stems from my parents being welcomed to the United States despite moving to a racist south. But If SB 88 passes, then Ohio will become less welcoming to Chinese immigrants than the red-lined racist south during the 1950's or the United States during the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act and we will miss out on the future contributions from the hardworking immigrants and their offspring just looking for their American Dream. Don't let Ohio become the racist and discriminatory past that many immigrants are escaping. Thank you for considering my testimony regarding my opposition to S .B. no. 88.

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