

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 against Senate Bill 88. I immigrated to the United States of America 25 years ago as an international student at the University of Cincinnati. I was drawn to this country because of the freedoms and opportunities afforded under a democratic government and robust legal system where everyone is presumed innocent. Like all legal immigrants, I followed the law, played by the rules, worked hard, and made America my home. It took over 15 years, but I'm proud to say I became a U.S. citizen.

I am opposed to Senate Bill 88 because it targets legal Chinese immigrants solely based on national origin and race. It doesn't account for the many contributions these people have made and will continue to make for the United States nor will it increase our national security. If anything, this bill will harm the economy and undermine our global standing.

Such racial profiling is xenophobic, unconstitutional and an affront to the values upon which the United States is based. I respectfully urge the Public Safety Committee to consider my testimony and to vote NO on SB88.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Hongmei Zhu