

Testimony Against Senate Bill 88
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Testifying as Opponent

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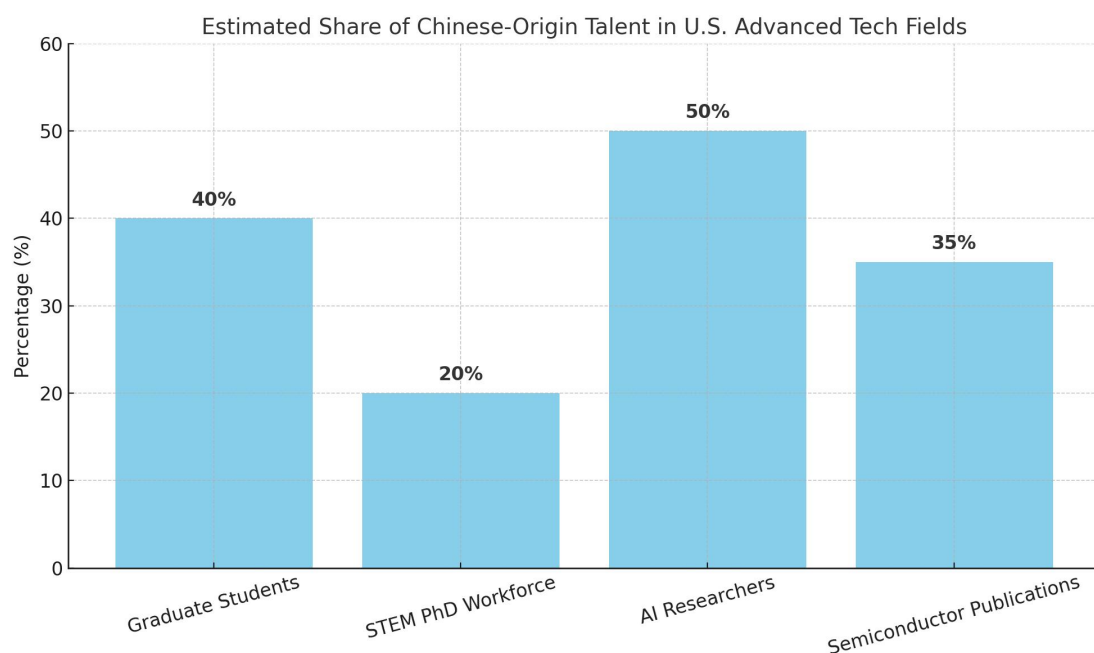
Chair Roegner, Vice-Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of the Senate General Government Committee:

My name is Yuxiong Huang, a resident of Mason, Ohio, and a naturalized U.S. citizen originally from China. I respectfully urge this committee to reject Senate Bill 88.

This bill would prohibit individuals and entities from countries designated as "foreign adversaries"—including China—from owning property within 25 miles of critical infrastructure. While framed as a national security measure, SB 88 is a deeply flawed bill that would result in economic damage, racial profiling, and constitutional concerns.

First, this bill threatens Ohio's economic future, particularly in technology, semiconductors, AI, and clean energy. Ohio has proudly secured major investments like **Intel's \$28 billion chip factory** in Licking County and **Semcorp's \$916 million EV battery material plant** in Sidney. These projects depend on international capital, global talent, and cross-border collaboration. Enacting laws that discriminate based on national origin or corporate ties will send a chilling message to global investors and scientists who see Ohio as a hub of innovation.

Here's a bar chart illustrating the estimated share of Chinese-origin talent in key U.S. advanced technology fields, including semiconductors and AI. (ChatGPT)



Second, this bill would isolate Ohio from leadership in the artificial intelligence sector. **NVIDIA CEO Jensen Huang** recently said, *"50% of the world's AI*

researchers are Chinese—you simply can't stop them from making progress.” By discouraging partnerships and participation from individuals with Chinese backgrounds—even those who are U.S. residents or citizens—Ohio risks cutting itself off from the global AI ecosystem. In a field where collaboration drives advancement, SB 88 would put Ohio at a competitive disadvantage.

Third, this bill risks harming U.S. citizens like myself. I came to the United States on a student visa, worked legally on an H-1B visa, became a permanent resident, and eventually earned my citizenship. Under this bill, individuals like me—even after years of contribution and lawful presence—could be treated with suspicion simply because of where we were born. This is discriminatory and echoes the dark legacy of **Alien Land Laws** and the internment of **Japanese Americans during World War II**, when fear-driven policies stripped loyal Americans of their rights and dignity.

Fourth, this bill opens the door to constitutional and civil rights violations. It likely contravenes the **Equal Protection Clause** of the 14th Amendment and violates the **Fair Housing Act**, by discriminating based on national origin. It deputizes local officials to investigate and potentially seize property, risking abuse, litigation, and erosion of public trust.

I strongly believe that national security and economic growth are not mutually exclusive—but this bill sacrifices both. Rather than protecting Ohio, **SB 88 isolates our state from the very innovation and investment we need to thrive** in a global economy.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on Senate Bill 88.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yuxiong Huang
Mason, Ohio

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Yuxiong Huang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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