

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 am Zheng Hong Tan, a Columbus (Franklin County) resident and a final year MD/PhD student at the Ohio State University

I have called Columbus home for the last 12 years and have seen it grown tremendously. It is an amazing vibrant city who has been enriched by the diversity amongst us. I have benefitted from the diverse food options, is and have made friends with immigrants who all now call columbus home.

I know for a fact that I, and many of my friends would not be able to call Columbus home if not for us having the ability to own houses and make a part of the city ours. Columbus is a rich and rapidly growing community and has so much potential to be greater. People have the option of picking columbus over the countless cities in our nation and a policy that restricts the ability for us to buy houses or strip our housing away would only result in a talent drain away from Columbus. I am proud to call myself to be from columbus and I urge you to not pass this bill and put up barriers for others to call Columbus home too.

I respectfully urge you to consider my testimony and to vote NO on S.B. 88. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Zheng Hong Tan