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Re: Testimony Opposing Ohio Senate Bill 88

Dear Senate General Government Committee,

My name is Anquan Wang, a China-born US citizen residing in Mason, OH. I have been employed by General Electric Company for 18 years. I appreciate the opportunity to testify against Senate Bill 88 representing myself.

Senate Bill 88 is in the name of national security. Working in the aviation and defense industry, I fully appreciate the importance of protecting our national security effectively. I handle sensitive information and technologies on a daily basis. I have first-hand experiences of foreign adversaries trying to steal our technologies and strengthen their defense capability. Threat is real and I don't doubt a single bit.

Let me be clear. We need to counter real foreign adversaries, that is, specific foreign governments and individuals/organizations engaging in activities hurting our national security. We need to be laser-focused because the threat is real. But targeting ordinary people coming legally from foreign countries to study and work here is out of focus. Depriving their constitutional rights to acquire properties is completely wrong and nothing to do with national security. My niece came from China. She is pursuing her PhD in Tulane University on an F-1 visa. It is mind-boggling for me that my lovely niece, a 25 year old girl, now is a threat to national security, as assumed by this bill! I just can't wrap my head around this concept. Should I invite her to Thanksgiving any more?!

I once was an F-1 student. I once was an H-1B worker. I once was a green card holder. When I purchased my first house in upstate NY in 2009, I was on H-1B visa. When GE transferred me from NY to OH in 2011, I purchased my second and current home. I was a green card holder. If there was a law like Senate Bill 88 back then, I surely would have refused to come to Ohio!

Senate Bill 88 is about racial profiling and fear mongering to me. It paints all foreign citizens of specific countries with a broad brush as threats to national security. If this is not racial profiling, I don't know what racial profiling is! If this is not fear mongering, I don't know what fear mongering is! It violates Ohio Constitution Article I Section 1 in broad daylight and should not have been introduced in the first place! I sincerely urge this Committee to vote "no" on Senate Bill 88!

Thank you for your consideration.

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