

**Testimony Against SB88**  
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**Testifying as Opponent**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I never met my grandfather or uncle; they died during the Cultural Revolution in China when I was young. My parents gave me a Chinese name with a special meaning—they hoped that one day, like a bird, I could spread my wings and fly to **a land of freedom, equality, and justice.**

Like a bird, I flew to different places and eventually settled down in Ohio, in a house that my wife and I call home.

I came to the United States with a dream—because I know the Declaration of Independence was written that “all men are created equal.” Because I know **Dr. King** dreamed of a nation where people are only judged by the content of their character. Because I believe these **shared values** are what America promises.

Fourteen years after I first landed in New York, I received my green card as an **Outstanding Researcher**. Today, I am a Professor and a Director at a medical school, where I established one of the best-equipped laboratories and one of the largest core facilities for biomedical research. I generate millions of dollars in revenue for Ohio and create

jobs here. I collaborate with over 400 doctors and scientists, and train students for Ohio's tomorrow.

**I know clearly:** without these shared values, I would not have achieved any of this. Yet I never imagined that one day, I could lose my home—solely because of my nationality.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,** I am a scientist. There is no evidence proving any link between national security and home ownership. There is no evidence showing that renting a house is safer for national security than owning one. **This Bill is a lie.**

This Bill harms innocent people of foreign nationalities who work legally and pay taxes—people like me. It spreads anti-Chinese sentiment and is a modern version of the **Chinese Exclusion Act**. It echoes the **Alien Land Laws** that once denied Japanese people the right to own property. **This is a racist bill disguised as a matter of “national security”.**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,** we are rallied here and outside to express **our anger toward this racism**. Please understand: everything you do with this Bill will be remembered in history. I urge you to reject it.

Thank you.