

**Testimony Against Senate Bill 88**  
**Submitted by: Benjamin Ni**  
**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. My name is Benjamin Ni, and I am 19 years old. I am the son of two Chinese immigrants, an Ohio resident, and a student at The Ohio State University. Above all, I am an American citizen. As a citizen of this country, I believe that it is my civic duty to be politically active and protest against legislation that undermines the very ideals that America was founded upon.

As it stands, Senate Bill 88 gives the Ohio government the power to effectively strip *legal* immigrants of their property rights based solely on their nationality, so long as they are citizens of a country that is deemed a “foreign adversary.” This is blatant discrimination that goes against America’s founding principle of “freedom and liberty for all.” If SB88 gets passed, it will set a dangerous precedent for what rights the government could infringe on in the future.

Due to current world events, China would most certainly fall under this category. This bill would hurt all Chinese immigrants that have yet to reach citizenship. Even worse, it would indirectly affect those who *are* citizens of the U.S. like myself. If SB88 passes as it stands, my parents would be forced to sell their home and move out of Ohio. Other second-generation immigrants would face similar situations, all of which are due to the consequences of this oppressive bill. Those who are not directly being targeted must live in fear, knowing that they could be affected next for actions entirely outside of their control.

I urge you all to vote against Senate Bill 88, as it is discriminatory, undermines American ideals, and hurts Ohio’s immigrant population. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin Ni