

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.

My name is Guangyong Yang, I'm a Toledo resident for about 3 years and I'm a financial professional to educate the community how money works and how to save for our financial future.

I came to the US with my wife in year 2000. Before we came, we feel like we will be back to China in a few years, but it turned out we've been stayed in the country for 25 years. The reason we stayed is after we got to know this country, we started to love it and feel more like this is our home. We call China our motherland, and America our homeland. I believe a lot of other immigrants have the same feeling.

We lived in TN for 12 years, then MI for 10 years, and moved to Ohio 3 years ago. We thought we might be living here for at least another 10 years until recently we heard about this SB88 bill (and HB1 bill). We bought houses in TN and MI while we lived there and sold them after we moved out. But in Ohio, suddenly we found out I could be forced to sell our house if this SB88 bill was passed. What can we do by then? We will probably have to move to a state allowing me to buy a house. Not only we could leave, but also all the young generation immigrant will leave Ohio, maybe even leave America. What will happen? From my financial professional training, I learned this country is already aging, without young generation immigrants join, we are aging more, maybe not only aging more but dying.

Nobody here will remember me if I leave, nobody will remember all those who leave the state because of this stupid SB88 bill, but people will remember you guys if the SB88 bill got passed. Of course you won't be proud of that, because you will be remembered as a racist by the history. Yes, a racist!

As we all can tell, this SB88 bill is discriminatory, and totally against the fundamental values of America. Ladies and gentlemen, be honest, you don't look like a racist to me, I think you all are good people, Please seriously think about how you want to be remembered and vote NO to the SB88 bill.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Guangyong Yang