

Testimony Strongly Oppose SB 88

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear and members of the Senate General Government Committee:

I am writing to express my profound concern regarding Senate Bill 88 (SB 88), which proposes to prohibit Chinese nationals including those holding valid visas or permanent resident status from owning property in the state of Ohio.

I have lived in Ohio for almost 20 years since 2005. I earned my Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, got married, bought a home, and am now raising two wonderful daughters who were born in Ohio and have always taken pride in being Buckeyes. I firmly believe in the core values that define both Ohio and United States: freedom, equality, and opportunity for all. I have known many Chinese people including myself that we are hardworking, kind, talented, and generous. However, SB88 threatens to take away our houses, not because of anything we've done, but simply because of where we were born. Legal immigrants, regardless of their origin, should have the right to own land, houses, and businesses in Ohio.

Please vote NO on SB88!! This bill is discriminatory and targets immigrants unfairly, even permanent residents, and violates basic property rights. It will also harm Ohio's economy and reputation.

Thank you for your time!

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