

I am a Senior Engineer at General Electric Aerospace in Cincinnati. I immigrated to the United States from China in 2001 and followed the typical pathway for many young immigrants: F1 student visa → H1B work visa → Green Card → U.S. citizenship. I am deeply grateful for the openness and inclusiveness of U.S. immigration policies, which allowed me to build a life here, contribute to my community, and work hard to make a meaningful impact.

Had SB88 been in effect during my student years, I would not have been able to buy a home or establish my family in Ohio. Instead, I might have been forced to move to another state or even return to China. Ohio would have lost a dedicated engineer, and perhaps the U.S. would have lost a valuable contributor to its workforce.

SB88 undermines the principles of openness and inclusiveness that have made America a beacon of opportunity. Policies like this foster division and discrimination, and history will judge those who support them as standing on the wrong side of progress.

Let us choose love over hate and inclusion over exclusion.

Best regards,  
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