

Testimony Against S.B. No.88: Protecting Fairness for Law-Abiding Immigrants in Ohio

As a legal resident of the United States and a contributor to Ohio's economy and community, I am deeply concerned by the introduction of S.B. No.88 and H.B.No.1. These bills, especially S.B. No.88, may have unintended consequences that unfairly harm legal residents — including green card holders, H1B visa holders, and others who are living and working in this state under legal status.

S.B. No.88 proposes barring certain individuals from purchasing homes based on their country of origin, and even requires those who already own property to sell it within two years. This would disrupt the lives of families who have followed every legal process and built their homes and futures here in good faith.

Laws like these risk creating division and suspicion toward people who contribute positively to Ohio's future. While national security is important, it should not come at the cost of fairness, due process, and equal treatment under the law.

Ohio should be a place where legal residents feel safe, welcome, and respected. I respectfully urge lawmakers to reconsider these bills and ensure that state policy reflects the values of inclusion, fairness, and opportunity for all who follow the rules and invest in our communities.

Sincerely,
A legal resident and working professional living in Ohio