

Opponent Testimony for Senate Bill 88

Testifying as Opponent

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

My name is [Your Full Name], and I am an international student pursuing a Ph.D. in Columbus, where I have lived and studied for the past six years. During this time, I purchased a home because I expected my degree would take several years to complete. Homeownership has provided me with stability and has made me more committed to staying and contributing to the community.

Policies that support international doctorate students—many of whom are on F-1 visas and become long-term contributors to the local workforce—are essential for Ohio's growth. Owning a home is not only an investment in our education but also a vote of confidence in Ohio's future. After graduation, I see myself joining the high-tech or research workforce in Columbus. However, legislation like Senate Bill 88 threatens that vision.

I respectfully urge you to oppose Senate Bill 88. This bill is discriminatory. It unfairly targets immigrants, particularly those of Asian descent, and promotes harmful racial profiling. It undermines the principles of fairness and equal protection, and it sends a message that lawful, contributing residents are not welcome. It does not enhance national security, but instead harms Ohio's economic potential by discouraging skilled individuals from staying, investing, and working here. This is not just a policy issue—it is a community crisis.

Please stand up for fairness, equity, and the values that make Ohio strong. I respectfully ask you to vote **no** on Senate Bill 88.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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