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**Testimony Against Senate Bill 88  
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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. I am Dr. Nanyi Qiang, a Troy, OH resident and a college professor.

I stand before you today to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 88, a discriminatory and unconstitutional piece of legislation that unfairly targets immigrant communities, particularly Chinese Americans and other foreign0born residents. This bill threatens the principles of equality, fairness, and prosperity that Ohio and the US stand for. Below are the key reasons why SB88 must be rejected:

**1. SB88 is Racist & Promotes Xenophobia**

This bill encourages racial profiling by singling out individuals based on their national origin. It fosters fear and division, undermining the inclusive values that define our nation.

**2. SB88 Mirrors the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act**

Like the infamous Chinese Exclusion Act, which banned Chinese immigrants from citizenship and basic rights, SB88 seeks to deny property ownership based on nationality—a shameful repeat of history.

**3. SB88 Echoes Discriminatory Alien Land Laws**

In the early 20th century, states passed Alien Land Laws to prevent Asian immigrants from owning property. SB88 revives this bigoted legacy, targeting immigrants based on where they were born.

4. SB88 Violates the Equal Protection Clause (14th Amendment)

The U.S. Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law. SB88 unlawfully discriminates against immigrants, violating their constitutional rights.

5. SB88 Defies the Supremacy Clause

Immigration and foreign policy are federal matters. SB88 illegally interferes with federal authority, creating conflicts with U.S. laws and treaties.

6. SB88 Undermines American Democracy

Denying property rights based on immigration status or nationality contradicts America's founding principles of fairness and opportunity for all.

7. SB88 Violates the Fair Housing Act of 1968

This federal law prohibits housing discrimination based on national origin. SB88's restrictions on immigrant homeownership are a clear violation.

8. SB88 Harms Ohio's Economy & Global Standing

Immigrants contribute billions to Ohio's economy as homeowners, taxpayers, and entrepreneurs. SB88 will drive away talent, investment, and economic growth, damaging Ohio's reputation worldwide.

9. SB88 Divides Communities & Erodes Trust

This bill sends a message that immigrants are unwelcome, fostering hostility and weakening the social fabric of our diverse communities.

10. SB88 Hurts All Immigrants & America's Global Image

Beyond Chinese Americans, this bill sets a dangerous precedent for all immigrant groups. It tarnishes America's image as a land of opportunity and equality.

SB88 is unjust, unconstitutional, and un-American. It revives the darkest chapters of U.S. discrimination while harming Ohio's future. I urge you to reject this harmful bill and uphold the values of fairness, inclusion, and equal opportunity for all.

I respectfully urge you to consider my testimony and to vote NO on S.B. 88. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Nanyi Qiang