

Testimony Against Senate Bill 88

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Testifying as an Opponent

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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.

My name is Xiaohong Li. I'm a US citizen who has lived in Toledo, Ohio, for about five years. I'm an associate professor at the University of Toledo, focusing on prostate cancer bone metastases research. I came to the US in 2000 because the US is the best place in the world to do medical research! It is a world leader in every aspect I can think of. It's a great honor to experience and work in the US.

My family and I lived in Tennessee for 12 years, then in Michigan for 10 years, and we moved to Ohio 3 years ago. We might live here for the rest of our lives because Toledo is a fantastic city and Ohio is a wonderful state! We have amazing neighbors, strong communities, and rewarding jobs in medical research and education.

However, we heard about the SB88 bill (and the HB1 bill). This is such an unfriendly signal to all people originally from the identified countries. Many of us come due to the admiration and love of the US. Now we are going to be punished by this racial profiling. We must not pass this bill to make Ohio a better place to attract and retain talented and hard-working individuals!

I plead with you to vote "NO" to the SB88 bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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