

Opponent Testimony for Senate Bill 88

Testifying as Opponent

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and esteemed members of the Senate General Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Hello, my name is Micah Byarlay, and I'm 13 years old. I live in Ohio, and I'm in middle school. I submit my testimony to oppose Senate Bill 88 because I care about Asian community and my mother, and what this bill could do to people like her.

My mom came to the United States from China back in 2002. In 2017, my family moved to Ohio. My mother works really hard every day, pays taxes, and helps our community. She's done everything right, and she loves this country. But Senate Bill 88 makes people like my mom feel like they don't belong here.

That's not fair.

This bill says that just because someone is from a certain country, they might not be allowed to buy a house or own land. That doesn't seem like the kind of rule we should have in America—a place that's supposed to be about freedom and equal chances for everyone.

Ohio is my home. I want it to be a place where families like mine feel safe and welcome, not judged by where we came from.

Please don't pass this bill. It will hurt good people. I hope you choose kindness and fairness instead.

Thank you for your time.

Micah Byarlay

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Micah Byarlay". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.