

Testimony Opposing Senate Bill 88
May 26, 2025

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

My name is Song Li, and I have been a proud resident of Ohio for twenty-two years. I came to this country as an immigrant, and over the past two decades, I have worked hard to build a life, raise a family, and contribute to the community I now call home.

I am here today to respectfully but firmly oppose Senate Bill 88. As an Asian American, I am deeply concerned that this bill promotes racial profiling and discrimination against lawful immigrants like myself. It sends a harmful message that people who look like me—or who were born outside the U.S.—are not to be trusted.

This bill does not strengthen national security. Instead, it creates fear in communities that have done nothing wrong. People who have lived in Ohio for decades, paid taxes, started businesses, raised children, and enriched our cultural life are being made to feel like outsiders. That is not the Ohio I know and love.

We should be building a state that welcomes contribution, not one that sows division. I respectfully urge you to vote **NO** on Senate Bill 88.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Song Li