

Testimony Against Senate Bill 88

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Testifying as 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. I am Lixiang Chen, a Liberty city resident. I work in the field of Information Technology in Ohio. I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity as a concerned citizen who strongly oppose SB 88 in its entirety.

Today, I stand before you as a voter, a taxpayer, an IT Professional, and a history student and a naturalized citizen to express my unequivocal opposition to Senate Bill 88, a piece of legislation that is not only unnecessary but also deeply discriminatory. This bill—by targeting land ownership and property rights of individuals based on their national origin or perceived ties to foreign governments—resurrects some of the most shameful chapters in American history. Make no mistake: SB88 is a modern-day echo of the Chinese Exclusion Act and the Alien Land Laws of 1913. It is racism enshrined in law.

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,

Lixiang Chen