

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 provide testimony.

I respectfully urge you to oppose Senate Bill 88. This bill unfairly discriminates against Asian communities and other lawful immigrants who have long lived peacefully and contributed meaningfully to the state of Ohio.

S.B. NO. 88 targets individuals based on their national origin, casting suspicion on entire communities without cause. It undermines the fundamental rights of property ownership and sends a harmful message that certain people are not welcome—even when they have followed the law and invested in our state.

This bill does not serve the purpose of national security. Purchasing a home is about seeking stability and shelter—not about posing a threat. It jeopardizes the well-being of our children and damages our state's reputation as a welcoming and inclusive place to live and thrive.

Furthermore, S.B. NO. 88 will hurt Ohio's economy by deterring investment and creating fear among immigrant communities who are vital to our workforce and neighborhoods. This is not just a legislative issue—it is a community crisis.

I urge you to reject S.B. NO. 88 and stand for fairness, inclusion, and the rights of all Ohio residents, including legal immigrants.

Thank you for your time and consideration.