

## Opponent Testimony for Senate Bill 88

### Testifying as an Opponent

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 88.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to this bill. While I understand the importance of safeguarding national security, Senate Bill 88 goes far beyond that goal and risks causing serious unintended harm to many law-abiding residents of Ohio.

This bill could lead to discrimination against Asian communities, especially individuals who are here legally, contributing to our economy, raising families, and building their lives in this state. It creates a climate of fear and suspicion that affects all of us—not just those directly targeted.

I am deeply concerned about the impact on immigrant families as well as the potential economic consequences for Ohio in terms of investment and property development.

Policies that affect entire communities should be based on evidence, fairness, and equal protection under the law. Senate Bill 88 fails that standard. I respectfully urge this committee to oppose the bill and seek more inclusive, thoughtful approaches to our shared concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.