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

My name is Wenkui Wang. I live in Dublin and have proudly called Ohio home for the past seventeen years. I respectfully urge you to oppose Senate Bill 88.

SB88 is a discriminatory and deeply troubling proposal that echoes the alien land laws enacted over a century ago—racist policies designed to target and marginalize immigrants and communities of color.

By restricting property ownership based on national origin, this bill would put the State of Ohio and its local governments at serious risk of violating constitutionally protected property rights. If enacted, SB88 could effectively bar many immigrants from purchasing land or homes in Ohio and even compel current property owners to sell simply because of their heritage or country of origin—without the due process guaranteed by the Constitution.

This proposal is chillingly reminiscent of some of the darkest chapters in American history—such as the Chinese Exclusion Act and the forced incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II—when tens of thousands were compelled to sell their homes, businesses, and belongings at steep losses just days before being imprisoned without due process. SB88 is not merely a misguided policy; it is a direct assault on the principles of equality and justice that define our democracy—principles that have long made the United States a beacon of freedom to the world.

The individuals and families who would be affected by this bill are our neighbors and colleagues—hardworking, law-abiding, tax-paying members of our communities. They are factory workers, small business owners, engineers, professors, and executives—all contributing to Ohio's economy and society in pursuit of the American Dream.

Moreover, SB88 may violate other constitutional protections, including the 14th Amendment and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, exposing Ohio to significant legal and financial liability.

Please vote **REJECT** SB88 to uphold the values of fairness, equality, and opportunity that define our state. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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