Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Baikang Pei. I live in Niantic, CT. I am writing to testify in regard of bill No. SB359 “Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups in the Public School Information System”.

I support the original concept of “prohibiting educational institutions or other state agencies from mandatory collection and separation of data from students by subpopulations of national origin or ethnicity”. However, we are very concerned in regard of this portion of the current bill language “unless … collected uniformly across the entire population of students”. I believe the entire population shall not be subject to registry of ancestry immigration nation of origin or ethnicity origin.

I am supporting the original concept because I think not only it is hard to determine the subpopulations of national origin or ethnicity generations after immigration, but also collecting such information would increase the possibility of discrimination in the future. Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups is so unnecessary for the education system, and doing so may at the end hurt the entire population of students and our society.

Please modify the bill language as to “No population of students shall be subject to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity origin”. Please vote for bill SB359.

Sincerely yours,

Baikang Pei