

My name is Edmund Chen, I live in Groton CT and I'm a 9th grader in Grasso Tech high school. I like to play the piano, video games, and sports. 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", because I've already had to deal with little "joking around" like "hey Edmund, did u cook my cat for dinner?" because they thought that Chinese people like to eat cats and dogs, "Edmund your Asian, help me with this," "Edmund, your Asian, aren't you supposed to be smart and responsible?" Those stereotypes were very annoying. Please pass SB359 so I don't need to deal with a lot more. If we ever have Asian registry in Connecticut, then imagine if you were a black person in the 1900s or one of the Little Rock Nine, would you want everyone around you making fun of you or trying to get you out of their life everyday? I sure as hell wouldn't.

I'm an American citizen that was born here. Everyone wants to be treated the same. There no difference in the fact that we're all humans.

Sincerely

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