Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Hongru Chen, a resident of Stamford, Connecticut. 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, I am 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 students of all different ethnicity origins constitute the entire population of students all together equally. Subpopulation of national origin or ethnicity is not and shall not be viewed as entire population of students. The entire population of student is not being represented when any single subpopulations of national origin or ethnicity is missing.

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” and please vote for bill SB359.

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