Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Song Chen, currently residing in Avon, Connecticut since 2015. 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 was surprised and deeply troubled by the concept of singling out one and other ethnicity groups by such details as parent’s original counties, ancestry languages, especially in schools our children participate. We want our children to be part

Please take it personally. What if your children at school are classified for whatever the reasons, what would be your feelings?

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.

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”. If the language is modified, please vote for bill SB359.

Thanks,

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