Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Yinuo (Daniel) Chen, a resident in Orange, 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 everyone is equal! I am an elementary school student. My mom always teaches me that everyone is equal regardless of his/her race, creed, color, age, national origin or others. And my mom also tells me that America is a fair country and fair society. This is my belief and this is how I treat my friends and classmates, schoolmates equally. However, the collection and separation of data from students by subpopulations of national origin or ethnicity is a clear discrimination! I was so badly hurt! I could not accept this separation and will stand out to protect myself and others because I believe: America is an equal society! No discrimination is allowed! No one should be discriminated!

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.

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