Honorables Members of Education Committee,

My name is Guoxiang Ding, a resident of Simsbury Township. 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 truly believe that everyone are created equal regardless of his/her ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, etc. The foundation of the American dream is fairness and equality. The American historian Adams first proposed the American dream in 1931 - everyone had the opportunity to gain a richer, fuller, better life through his personal abilities and achievements, regardless of his social class and background. As long as there is a dream, hard work, we can achieve.

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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