Dear Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Mangtao Du, a resident in the town of Wilton 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”. I strongly believe that as Americans we are one people and one nation, and segregation of Americans in any way would not help the country as a whole or any individual residing in this nation.

While I support the concept and intent of the bill, I am concerned regarding this particular portion of the current bill language: “unless … collected uniformly across the entire population of students”. I do not believe any fraction of the entire population shall be subject to registry of their ancestry nation of origins or ethnicity origins. This potential segregation would be unnecessary, potentially dividing (instead of unifying), unscientific (what about people with multiple origins in their ancestry?), a waste of public resources, and unconstructive.

The children and students in this country are completely innocent as to where their ancestors came from. Based on my personal experience, most children sincerely believe that they are simply Americans, not more, and no less. We adults should foster this positive mentality.

Please vote for bill SB359. However, I would be much appreciative if the bill language is modified to “No population of students shall be subject to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity origin”.

Very truly yours,

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