Honorable Members of Education Committee,

I am a resident of Orange town, CT and founder of Wu Dang Kungfu Academy on Boston Post Road for 12 years. I am writing to support bill SB359. we support the original concept of bill SB359, which is “prohibiting educational institutions or other state agencies from mandatory collection and separation of data from students by subpopulations of national origin or ethnicity”.

As a previous National Champaign, I dedicated my life and career to promote the value and principle of traditional Chinese Martial art. My students are from diverse culture / ethnicity backgrounds. Everyone became families to each other through our shared love and dedication to the ancient Chinese martial art. My students developed not only KungFu skills but also a connection and understanding to an enormously rich culture. This is what America is about: we are a melting pot of people from different backgrounds, who constantly seeking, searching and reshaping this one identity: American.

Please not to divide us, especially not to further divide Asian Americans. Asian registry based on Nation of origin and ethnicity will only marginalize this already very small minority group.

Furthermore, ethnicity registry and redistribution of government resource that comes with it, will have profound damage to the future of this country. What type a country we want to leave to our children? A nation that if you try hard, work hard and never give up, you will have a chance to succeed? Or a place that education and career opportunity will be determined by race/ethnicity, which is obviously strongly against American value and will doom the future of America.

However, we are very concerned in regard of this portion of the current SB359 bill language “unless … collected uniformly across the entire population of students”. If it is wrong and harmful and against American values to do Asian Registry, to register every student based on ethnicity origin or ancestry immigrant nation of origin, does not make it right.

Please modify the bill language as to “No population of students shall be subject to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity”. Please vote for bill SB359

With best regards,

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