Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Huiying Deng, resident of CT since 2008. 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. The national identity of parents should not be used to determine whether a student needs more education support or not. Although many kids were born from other countries, they shall not be differentiated from the kids who were born in the United States. 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

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