Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Bin Jiang, I’m currently living in Westport CT, working as Project Manager in Technology Company, have been live in CT for 10+ years. 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 we are against the idea of AA,

1. It reinforces stereotypes and racism because of the previous point. People given a position purely because of affirmative action often are not qualified, and the idea that all people of that race must be "stupid" is perpetuated. It presupposes that all people of the same skin color are from the lower class, and therefore need help as well. This also reinforces stereotypes and even embeds them permanently into the system.

2. And it destroys the idea of a meritocracy and instead puts race as the dominant factor in admissions procedures. The best people for the position should be put there, regardless of race.

3. Simply having people of different races or ethnicities in the school does not necessarily mean diversity of opinion. People with the same skin color are not necessarily the same in opinion or even culture.
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.

Best Regards,

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