Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Yanli Jiang. I live in Avon, CT currently. 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 am 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 as the first generation of immigrants in my family, I thought that I have gone through all the obstacles to make my children a child of America equally. I worked hard, paid all the dues, and followed all the immigration laws to become an America citizen. I cannot believe today, after 18 years of struggles, my children, who were born here and have never hesitated to say that they are Americans, were suddenly treated differently from other Americans.

I thus vote for SB359. This is my stand, no matter if I'm physically in the hearing on March 8th, 2018 or not.

Sincerely,
Yanli Jiang
Infrastructure Architect
UTC Aerospace Systems
Master of Science
Microsoft Certified Professional in Cloud Computing