Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Lei Jin, I am a Farmington resident working at MacDermid Enthone Electronic solutions as a research project manager. 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 subpopulation so national origin or ethnicity”, because separating people by ethnic or racial subgroups will hurt the US nation interest in the long term, especially equality and justice, which would be extremely harmful to this country; For example, result in a recently research on the public education conducted by economists at University of Chicago and Harvard shows that the family have a huge impact on the result of the public-school education, regardless of ethnic or racial subgroups. Family has bigger effects than almost any educational policy that is put into place. (http://freakonomics.com/podcast/early-education-rebroadcast) However, supporting disaggregation of student data by ethnic or racial subgroups would hurt the majority Asian-American families who put most of their family source into their kids’ education. There are many examples of how an Asian-American family works so hard just to make enough money to let their kids keep studying at school. If whole family only earn $10, they could save $8 for their kids’ education. Unfortunately, disaggregation of student date is to punish these families by depriving their $8 because of their hard working, which would against the US nation interest and cause harm.

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.

We all would like to offer helps on education for those who needed, but we need a better way.

Best Regards

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