Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Wai Lau. I have been living in CT for 14 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 am supporting the original concept because collecting disaggregated student data based on ethnicity promotes unfair education, leads to discrimination, and divides this great country.

We are all Americans. Our children love this land where they were born and grow up. My 10 year old daughter Loves her school and enjoys helping her friends or teachers. The potential labeling of her being a subgroup of Asian and the data collected from there can only separate her from the community she has been striving to help. I found it’s extremely difficult to explain to her why we need this Bill at the first place, why would people even think about profiling them at school targeting at Asian group not any other races, what the children profiling data will be used for.

In addition, the disaggregated data collection is confusing and pointless for the 2nd generations or the 3rd, 4th, and
so on, generations to come. Please focus on uniting this country not dividing her.

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.

Respectfully,

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