Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Julian Li, and I am from Simsbury, CT. We just had a newborn baby this past January and the entire family is overwhelmed with joy. 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 our future generations are all Americans. I believe people should look for common identities: we are Americans! Rather, we should not look for ways to separate each other like skin colors, ethnicity, background, ancestry history, family status, wealth or etc. It is well said that “All men are created equal’. We have seen too many separation in this country in the past 8 years, and this collection of separation data is the last thing we need.

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. I hope and appreciate if you can represent our voices.

Sincerely,

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