Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Li Li. 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 I’d like to be a father someday, and I don’t want my child to live in a world where he/she might be disadvantaged not due to his academic result, but due to his ancestry immigration nation. U.S has always been a nation that promotes equal opportunity, which attracts people from all over the world, including me. I’d like my child to share this spirit as well.

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,

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