Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Zhenjie Li. I am writing to support 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, I am very concerned in regards of this portion of the current bill language “unless …… collected uniformly across the entire population of students” I believe any student should not be subject to registry of ancestry nation of origin or ethnicity origin.

I have two little kids that were born here in the United States. One day I asked my three year old daughter, “Do you want to have some beef broccoli and white rice?” she answered: “No, daddy, I want macaroni and cheese.” “So how about you?” I asked my six year old son, “Do you like pu-pu platter?” “Can I get a Happy Meal from McDonald?” He said. “You guys are as American as you can be!” I mumbled.

Yes, my son and daughter are as American as they can be! They should not be officially labelled as Chinese in any forms in the school system, since they have little to do with China. If they have to register as Chinese in the school forms and school system, they will feel less as an American, and they will be subjects of bullying, because they are labelled as foreigners.

I oppose any language or any bills to disaggregate students based on their ancestry, skin of color, or nation of origin. Any students should be treated equally. Please do not put labels on them.

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.

Thank you so much!

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