Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Ninghui Liang from New Haven CT. I have been a CT resident since 2002. I am writing to testify in regard of bill No. SB359 “Prohibiting the Dis-aggregation 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 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. USA has been called a "melting pot". Then laws of government should reinforce unity other than division!

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.

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