Dear Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Jacob Lin. I am a fifth grader at East Lyme Middle School, CT. 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”, because 5.6 (over 17 million people) people identify as Asian-American. If they can make us do things we don't want why don't they make the other races like white and black people do the same. Just because we look different and have a different skin color doesn’t mean that we could get excluded, for example in my school we have a golden rule and silver rule: treat people the way you want to be treated, and don't treat people the way you do not want to be treated.

In my school everybody includes me even though I have a different skin color and I look different. If we exclude Asians or any minorities from the American dream, the principles of our country would be broken, “ for liberty and justice for ALL. Even though we Asians work very hard, sometimes we still don't get the things we deserve. China is also the largest producer for America so if we break this bond then America will have less and less because they can not make certain things that China could.

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.

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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