Honorable Members of Education Committee,

My name is Jenny Liu, living in Ansonia 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 Systems'. 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 the 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 Asian American is already very small group in terms of population. I feel that our privacy was violated with data that is going to be collected in such granular. On top of that, based on the census data, Asian enrollment is rising every year and it only suggests that the education problems facing Asian groups are not crucial as other Ethnicity to be addressed. So why not starting with Asian groups? We are worried that the disaggregated data are aimed at further suppressing education opportunities of our hard working children, and worst, it potentially brings up the issue of the unity of our community, turning different Asian subgroups against each other. My kids are born and have been lived in the US and we all work and study hard to make our community better. Subgrouping us based on our ancestry only hurts us emotionally and doesn't benefit our community and our country.

Please modify the bill language as to " No population of students shall be subjected to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity origin". As I will, please vote for bill SB359.

Jenny Liu
A CT Resident
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