Honorable Members of Education Committee,

My name is W.G. Liu, residing in Stamford, CT. I am writing to testify in regard of bill number S.B.359 “Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups in the Public School Information System”.

Please VOTE for bill SB359.

I am supporting the original concept because every child in the U.S. is created equally and should never be judged by their ethnic or racial subgroups. Like what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. used to say: “I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.” I also hope my grandchildren will never be judged by where they are from, but by the content of their character.

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 also 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 feel free to contact me at sylwg@126.com should you have any questions. Thank you very much for all your hard work to get CT back on track!

Sincerely,

W.G. Liu