Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Yuhang Liu, a resident of South Glastonbury, I am writing to testify in regard of bill No. SB. 359 “AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISAGGREGATION OF STUDENT DATA BY ETHNIC 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 sub-populations of national origin or ethnicity” instead of “unless such disaggregated student data is (I) required under federal law, or (II) collected uniformly for all ethnic subgroups among the entire student population in the state” stated in the current proposal.

I believe no matter by whatever means, for whatever intention, once the ethnic subgroups is collected, the data can be used to separate out small group of people one at a time, which can be used for discrimination in school admission and job hiring. What I fear even more, is that during an extremely turmoil time, there had always been small class population of people be sacrificed, we have seen it happened in the revolutions in France, Russia, China or the WWII in Germany.

To prevent the possible discrimination and man-made tragedies, I support the “prohibiting educational institutions or other state agencies
from mandatory collection and separation of data from students by sub-populations of national origin or ethnicity”

thank you!

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