Honorable Members of Education Committee,

My name is Laura Luo. I live in CT, work as Senior IT professional, and serve as the Program Director of CAHAI and CAST.

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”. However, we are very concerned in regard of this portion of the current bill’s language.

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 all of our children should have the same opportunities for study and work, no matter where you come from. Please modify the bill’s language 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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Sincerely,

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