Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is WEIMIN QIAN, a resident of East Lyme in Connecticut since 1990. I’m an inventor and real estate broker. 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 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. The reasons are very simple, America is a country of immigrants. Generations of immigrants have contributed and sacrificed their lives for this great nation. The idea of subgrouping students by their ancestry ethnicity will no doubt do more damage than good to America’s future. No kids in school should be labeled differently.

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.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Weimin Qian