Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Zhihong Shang, currently live in Orange, Connecticut. 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 because every American citizen should be treated in same way. I believe that any mandatory registry of any ethnic background by school or any state agencies is fundamentally un-ameican. White are not classified into subgroups like Caucasian, Hispanic or whit British, White Brazil, White South Africa...Why Asian have to be divided into subgroups according to their ancestors’ country? Our kids are born in America, raised up in America, loving the song of “This is my land”. To them, this country is their country, and they will live in this country, love this country and work for this country. Wherever their ancestor come from, he/ she has to respect the teachers in school, study hard to be the best of them and in the future, work hard and serve other people in our society. It does not make sense to collect data of ancestry nation of origin and 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 vote for bill SB359.

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