Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Jingqi Sui, I am an Environmental Engineer lives in Norwich, Connecticut. I am writing to testy 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 it is not contradictory with the Fourteenth Amendment “All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States”, and in the second paragraph in the Declaration of Independence states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.” They all clearly saying that the citizen of united states are equal and has the equal rights, equally sharing education resources is one of the rights children who born this country should have.

I came this country for pursing a higher education and I stayed to practice what I been taught because United State is a country I believe I can make my dream come true as long as I work hard toward it. During my study at school, there were episodes of unpleasant memory such as I was riding a bike home and a group of teenager drove by in a flashy racing car and yelled “go back to your country” to me. Now I am a successful engineer with two young children who are born in here. I was hurt deeply when bill AB-1726 was passed in California in 2016. This is no difference than I was yelled at rudly on the street. In fact my children will be labeled as a special citizen because of their ethnicity origin. Therefore I am very happy to learn about bill SB359 because it serves the original concept of being equal and no special targeting specific population.

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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