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Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Fang Sun, a Cheshire resident for more than 10 years and a research scientist at a pharmaceutical company. I am writing to testify regarding the 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, I, alongside other immigrant parents, are concerned in regards to this portion of the current bill language “unless … collected uniformly across the entire population of students”. I believe the entire population should not be subject to registry of ancestry immigration, nation of origin, or ethnicity origin.

I am supporting the original concept because we are looking for equal and fair educational environments for our children no matter what color, origin, or ethnicity their parents are. They were born in America and are the next generation of Americans. They are our country’s treasure and our future. We need to protect our children and avoid any harm they experience by subgrouping them according to their origin or ethnicity. Subgrouping our children also damages American value and human right for our children. My American dream is to let my children grow up under an equal and fair society where our values and human rights are respected, where hard working is encouraged and rewarded, and diversity is shared and respected. So please, modify this bill language so that “No population of students shall be subject to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity origin”. Please vote for the revision of bill SB359.

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