Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Luhai Tang, a 7th Grader at Amity Middle School Bethany. 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 bill because I have been subjected and classified as a typical Chinese as being smart and a know-it-all. I have also been bullied by people when they take advantage of me. This has been really hurtful and in that one period of time, school was torture to me because of this. I was new to the school and most people in my class were bullying me for being Chinese and taking advantage of me. Also, people have been saying, “Hey, your Asian, you are supposed to be smart, you should be in all advanced classes.” What they don’t get is my English and social studies are not very good. If this racist law is passed, then I will end up taking in much more stereotypical comments and racist jokes like this.

However, I am 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.

As it states in the Declaration of Independence, “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…” Everyone wants to be treated the same and the fact stands that we are all human. Please vote for Bill No. SB359.

Thank you very much for your support!

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