Honorable members of education committee:

My name is Hannah Tao. I'm a 12 year old living in Cheshire, 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."

My family immigrated from China in the year of 2004. I was born and raised in the United States. As I grew up, I went to public schools, and helped my community just like many other American children. I love the country I live in and never have I ever had to debate whether America is truly the land of the free, until I heard about Asian Registry, which is already active in many other states. After learning about Asian Registry, the thought of being separated into a subgroup just because my parents, and grandparents are Chinese, deeply hurts me. Why should I be different from other American children? Why are only Asians being targeted? Martin Luther King once said, "One day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed...that all men are created equal." Asian Registry is the complete opposite of the Dr. King’s belief, which leads me to stand up and say: no population of students should be subjected to such a discriminated date collection. Please vote for SB359. I will go to the public hearing on this Thursday 3/8/2018 to vote for SB359.

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