Honorable Members of Education Committee:
My name is Ji Tong and living in Easton CT and I am the board chair of Southern Connecticut Chinese School.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: I living in Connecticut for 20 years and become US citizen last year, I knew this is my home country now. And that is reason I like to devote myself time, energy for this community, this state and this country. I have great wife and two great kids, it is hard to image one day, when my five years old son in the future back to home from the school, and show me a form and said: Daddy, you told me I am American, why I need fill myself as Chinese, because you and mum from China, and we will be request beck to China after fill this form? It is totally out of my mind to answer this kind of question. 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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Thanks
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