Dear Education Committee Members:

My name is Qicheng Wang. I am a resident of Windsor, CT. 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 the greatness of USA is that it attracts people all around the world. They could work hard to chase their dreams and make contribution to this country. My wife and I came here 13 years ago to chase our American dreams.

If we start to label US citizens based on their ethnicity or racial origin and treat people differently based on their ethnicity origins, in the long run the policy will only hurt USA and its citizens. We shall unite, not divide. As a father of two proud American citizens, I must ask you to 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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