Dear Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Yan Wang. I am a resident of Farmington, 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”. I was told collecting these data is for government to allocate the resource better, which means some people will get less resource just because they are from certain countries. This is unfair. People should get different levels of help based on their needs, not their national origin. America is a mixed pot of immigrants from different countries at different time. We want to feel equal and united, not different and separated.

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.

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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