Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Xueying Ren. My husband’s name is Zheng Wang. We are 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”.

We 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.

We are supporting the original concept because everyone has equal educational right is the reason why we chose to live in America. My husband and I, we were both well-educated. To provide excellent and equal education opportunity for our kids, we dedicate our youth and intelligence in our research jobs in the US. Our kids should have the same right without regarding their origin since they were accepted as Americans.

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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