Honorable Members of Education Committee:
My name is Wah Wong. I have been living in CT for 14 years. 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, I am very concerned with the following 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 firmly believe all Americans should be treated equally regardless of their national origin or ethnicity. I want my 10-year-old daughter to have equal opportunities and as bright a future as any other child of her age. I hope her educational opportunities and her future will not be dependent on her ancestry nation but on her hard work and her abilities. 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.
Respectfully,

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