Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Hongmei Xiong, a resident of Westport, Connecticut. 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 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 believe that America is a land of equal rights, regardless of national origin. The Asian Registry, which would require my American born and raised children to fill in school forms regarding their ancestry, leaves them wondering if they will get equal opportunities even though they study and work very hard for the society. No one should be treat differently based on their ancestry or ethnic origins.

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.

Sincerely,

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