Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Lizhe Xu, living in 8 Paddock Rd, East Lyme, CT since 2017. 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 it avoids the confusion for any person whose parents or grandparents coming from different Ethnic or Racial Subgroups. In addition, I believe it is a private information and should not be collected by any entities.

Thank you very much.

Best Regards,

Lizhe Xu