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Dear Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Yubo Yang, Ph.D. (I work for Pfizer Inc at Groton R&D Center in CT). I am writing to testify and support for bill No. SB359 “Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups in the Public School Information System”.

I support the original proposal 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 regarding this portion of the current bill language “unless … collected uniformly across the entire population of students”. I strongly believe that the entire population shall not be subject to registry of ancestry immigration nation of origin or ethnicity origin.

I am supporting the original proposed text because we are one nation and every citizen is equal. Based on this principle, we should not classify and sub-group our students by ethnic and racial subgroups, which potentially can be used to discriminate students for college admission and career development.

United States is based on Equality and Justice, thus I believe that collecting student data by ethnic or racial subgroups is against this basic principle.

Respectfully,

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