Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Kevin Yang and I’m a current 8th grader. As an Asian-American, I can do all activities just as regular Americans can. Currently I participate in many sports and music. I play competitive ice hockey and play soccer. I also play piano and flute for lots of years. I am writing to testify in regards 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 institution or other state agencies from mandatory collection and separation of data from student by subpopulation of national origin or ethnicity”. However, we are very concerned in regards of this portion of the current bill language “unless...collected uniformly across the entire population of student”. 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 personally and many others like me will not be liked to be treated like outsiders in United States. We are citizens in this country. Especially would not imagine the anger, racism, judging by stereotype, or bullied just because this law is being passed down. Think it like this. If you were in a different country and lived in there for many years and suddenly, a law is passed that people can call you by anything. This is like years back when blacks were left out of everything. I’ll think of this like this, treat others the way you want to be treated. I 100% guarantee that you would not like it if this was towards you. Living a good life, having great friends of any group (including Americans), and joining activities all the reasons why this law is truthfully wrong. I personally, have great friends especially from America that love me and support me anywhere I go. I swear to my god and my life that this is truly wrong and whoever thinks and wants for this to pass should go to hell (not in a bad way).

Please modify the bill language as to “No population of students shall be subjected to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity origin”. Please vote for bill SB359.

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