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Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Zhifeng Yang, residing at 1263 Brooklawn Ave, Fairfield, CT 06825 and 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 intends to keep America united and treat all Americans equal regardless of their race, origin, or the country/region they came from. I came to America in 1998 as a college graduate attending to the graduate school and has lived and worked in this country for 20 years. I have always enjoyed being treated equally along with other fellows here and want the fair and equal treatment to continue on ourselves and our children.

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,

Zhifeng Yang