Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Jianguo Peter Yu. I am writing to testify in regard of Bill SB359 “Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups in the Public School Information System”.

As a resident in CT and a practitioner in aerospace industry, 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.

As a father of two children, I am supporting the original concept because we need to protect children born and raised in this country from being labeled as perpetual foreigners. We cannot, by dissecting our student body along lines of nation of origin and/or ethnicity origin, divide the next generation of American. Everyone is American no matter race, ethnicity, religion, breed or skin color. United we stand. We need to provide equal and basic protection at school for children and families' privacy in regard of ethnicity origin and immigrant nation of origin. We need to be vigilant towards any practice of singling out students by standard of ethnicity and nation of origin, to ensure the well-being of our students. I love my children very much. No parents want their children to be labeled or discriminated.

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 yours,

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