Hello everyone, My name is David Zhang and I am a seventh grader in Dodd Middle School in Cheshire. I am here to talk to all of you about Bill 359 of CT. To all you people who disagree with this bill, you all know it's the wrong thing to do and you all know it, I know all of you are just trying to give other people a chance to succeed in life and have a nice life and actually make money. I know you want everyone to be equal. And I know you all want this to be a happy nation. But by making this bill that makes people of America NOT free is not going to help. The bill is morally wrong from an educational standpoint, much like how: Whoever studies, gets good grades and actually tries in school should be able to get in a good college or university, not someone who doesn't study, who doesn't try, to get in.

We Asian Americans came to America, the land of the free, for a better life. That's why I'm here, for a better life. I came here at the age of 6. Life in China was hard and boring. I didn't have many friends, people were mean, and school was the worst. In China, you had to do homework until midnight every night. My dad is the principle of many schools in China and he knows, that life in China is very tiring. That's why we came here. America is a very nice place, it is full of many people of all races. America is the "melting pot", some would say. That's what makes America special. Many people of OTHER places have come here for a better life as well. Why discriminate us? Is it because we take up only 5.6 percent of America? Are you just trying to bully us because we're a smaller group and you think that makes us weak? Or why discriminate anyone at all? Don't all Americans have the right to just be American, and nothing else?

Chinese people... Asian people... we've been called many things. But no, we are American citizens too. We have our rights and we are not going to let anyone take them from us. In the visage of MLK, every Asian parent, every American parent, would only wish for this: "I have a dream, that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character". MLK fought for his own rights and for freedom. The government gave them that freedom. But why are YOU taking ours? That doesn't seem like something that should belong in the United States, the land of the FREE. We're supposed to be living happily here. Everyone wants to come to America but some just don't have that money. But the ones that are here, will regret coming here because of this bill you're trying to get rid of.

Many of us want to be doctors when we grow up. But since you're taking that chance from us and giving it to someone that puts no effort into things, someone that just doesn't care, someone who doesn't even get good grades, people will get hurt. For example, if you took away a doctor's job away from an Asian American and gave it to
some person who doesn't care. That person will get a job as a doctor in the blink of an eye because this person graduated from some very nice med school. They probably didn't even pay any attention in class and still got a really nice job. When they come and help patients, they will probably hurt patients by giving them the wrong medication or giving them the wrong shot etc. and that resulting in people suing that place the person was working at. More and more people will be unhappy and soon, that place he or she was working at will get out of business, causing people to lose their jobs and being broke. They probably even have family! That is what's going to happen if you get rid of the bill.

Thank you everyone for listening and please say yes to bill 359

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