Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Mu Zhang, I live in Madison, CT now and my son is in first grade. 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. Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups violates American citizen’s privacy by mandating identification of one’s race and ethnic background. Also, It undermines the American value of equal opportunity and meritocracy that is gender neutral, race neutral – a true intent of Affirmative Action;

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.

Thank you for your time.

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