Honorable member of Education Committee:

My name is Ryan Zhang from Wallingford, CT. I was born here in Connecticut in 1999. I am a senior at University High School of Science and Engineering in Hartford.

First of all, I’d like to applaud you for raising a bill on “Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroups in the Public School Information System (No. SB359)” and holding a public hearing to allow citizens to express their opinions.

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, I am very concerned with a specific language used in the bill, which states, “unless...collected uniformly across the entire populations of students”. I believe no one shall the subject to register the nation of origin and language/dialect with racial/ethnic categories, also known as data disaggregation, reinforces differences among people, creates division, and harbors unnecessary hostility among groups.

Our dear country U.S.A has been called a ‘melting pot’. Then laws of our government should reinforce unity other division!

Once again, 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.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via my email at ryan.s.zhang@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Ryan Zhang