Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is MingQiang Zheng, (I was a research scientist at Yale and now a senior scientist in an CRO company located in New Haven). 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 every kids born in US are Americans, no matter his or her parents' original citizenship or races. They should be treated equally otherwise there is a chance for the education system turns to be "slow horse beats the fast horse under uneven rules"

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.

Your sincerely
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