Dear Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Qianhui Zhou. 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”. My family has been in United States for 13 years, my daughter Rose was born in 2005, and my son, my wife and I all became citizens of the US in 2011. We believed this is the land of equal opportunities, in this country, we believed our children will not be judged by the color of their skin.

However, I am 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.

Race and ethnicity should never be criteria to categorize people.

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,

Qianhui Zhou