Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Shengli Zhou. I am currently a faculty member at the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Connecticut. My family lives at the town of Mansfield, CT.

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 our students should be provided with equal opportunity for success regardless of their ethnic or racial subgroups. It is unwise / dangerous to allow educational institutions or other state agencies for collection and separation of student data based on ethnic/racial subgroups.

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.

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