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Honorable Members of Education Committee:

My name is Yijun 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”. 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 subjected to a registry of ancestry immigration nation of origin or ethnicity origin.

I am supporting the original concept. While in America, Caucasian Americans and African Americans can simply identify themselves as “white” or “black”, then why will Asian Americans, which represents only 5% of total state population, be forced to further identify themselves by their country origin? America is a country of equality where the American Dream attracts people from all over the world, including me. I came to the U.S over twenty years ago, naturalized as a U.S. citizen, and became a senior manager in United Technology Corporation. This is why this country should treat everyone by their virtue not by their country of origin. The prevailing idea of Americanism is giving equal opportunities to all, which includes the student body.

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 Yours

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