Honorable Members of the Education Committee:

My name is Daniel Zhu, I am a student of South Windsor High School, and I currently live in South Windsor, CT. I am writing in regard of bill No. SB359, “Prohibiting the Desegregation 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, I am very concerned about this portion of the current bill, “Unless...collected uniformly across the entire population of students.” I believe the entire registry of ancestry immigration shall not be subject to registry of nation of origin or ethnicity origin.

I am supporting the original concept because no one should be subject to judgement based on their race, ethnicity, or color of their skin. These factors cannot be judged upon simply because they are factors that cannot be controlled. No individual chooses to be an African American, Hispanic American, or Asian American. As our country itself has been built upon a concept of equality and universal respect for diversity and foreign peoples from various backgrounds, now is not the time to disregard an American tradition that has carried us well beyond ever perceived in terms of racial concurrence and ethnic unity.

Please modify the bill language to state, “No population of students shall be subject to data collection of ancestry nation of origin and ethnicity origin.”

Please vote for bill SB359.

With appreciation,
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