Honorable Members of Education Committee,

My name is **Jiqin Ma**, a resident of 211 Bartlett Dr, Madison CT. I am writing to testify in regard of bill **No. SB359** "Prohibiting the Disaggregation of Student Data by Ethnic or Racial Subgroup in the Public School Information System".

I support the original concept of "prohibiting educational institutions of other state agencies from mandatory collection and separation of data from students by subpopulations of national origin or ethnicity". 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.

I am supporting the original concept because as first generation successful immigrants, I tried very hard to simulate into America society, teaching my children to be proud and responsible citizen. Dividing our next generation into subpopulations based on national original or ethnicity offsets my effort, it focus on the differences, instead of uniformity, of people in this country.

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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