

We Oppose H.3361

A Bill Singles out Asian Americans for Data Disaggregation

What is H.3361

- It requires “all state agencies, [and] quasi-state agencies” to identify Asian American in “all data collected as part any and all types of data collection, reporting or verification.”
- It requires the reporting of disaggregated data on the five largest Asian American ethnic groups including Chinese, Indian, “Other Asian”, Vietnamese and Korean.

Why is H.3361 a BAD Bill?

- By singling out Asian Americans for government scrutiny, it violates “equal protection of the laws” of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.
- It reinforces a stereotype that Asian Americans are perpetual foreigners. Members of this minority group are permanently labeled with his/her ancestor's country of origin even if they are American citizens.
- Collecting of the data seriously undermines an individual’s privacy. Potential misuse of such data to make discriminatory policies against a specific ethnic group would be even more disastrous.
- It is a wrong solution, a confusing system to implement and a total waste of tax payers’ money.

What Can I Do to Oppose the Bill?

- Talk to your family, friends and neighbors about the bill.
- Call or write to the Joint Oversight Committee where the bill is currently at.
<https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/J25/190>
- Lexington residents can call or write to your State Representative/Senators listed here:

Representative Jay Kaufman:	Jay.Kaufman@mahouse.gov ,	617-722-2320
Senator Cindy Friedman (precinct 1/2/4/5/6/7):	Cindy.Friedman@masenate.gov ,	617-722-1432
Senator Mike Barrett (precinct 3/8/9):	Mike.Barrett@masenate.gov ,	617-722-1572
- All MA residents can find your state representatives, call or write to them.
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