

Collective Statement Opposing Bill H.3361

We, the undersigned organization, oppose H.3361, a Bill only singling out Asian Americans for data disaggregation in the state of Massachusetts.

H.3361 (<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/190/H3361>) requires “all state agencies, [and] quasi-state agencies” to identify Asian Americans in all data collection, reporting and verification; and further requires reporting of disaggregated data on five largest Asian American ethnic groups.

- The Bill singles out Asian Americans for exhaustive data collection by the government. It violates “ the equal protection of the laws” of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.
- The Bill 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 though they are US citizens.
- The Bill seriously undermines the privacy of Asian Americans. Potential misuse of such data to justify discriminatory policies would be disastrous.
- The Bill is the wrong solution to help those in need. It is a confusing system to implement and a total waste of tax payers’ money.

We, the undersigned organization, urge all MA state senators and house representatives to vote against H.3361 as it would do more harm than good, gravely threaten the civil liberties of all Americans and seriously divide communities.

Sincerely,

Organization Name: _____

Representative of the Organization: _____

Representative Signature: _____

Date: _____