

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

As a longtime resident of Hartford and an urban educator, I write to support HB 7082, *An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public School Curriculum*. This bill will remedy the woefully inadequate presentation of curricular information on the many and important contributions of African Americans within our nation's history.

Details identifying need:

- A 2015 study found that only **one to two lessons** of the total K-12 class time are devoted to African American Studies
- A 2017 survey of high schoolers found that **only a third** knew that the 13th Amendment ended slavery
- And **only 8%** understood that slavery was the primary reason for the South seceding from the Union
- **Only 13 states** have laws in place to ensure that African American Studies is taught in their schools

I strongly urge your support of HB 7082!

Sincerely,

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