



Why I Support Raised Bill 7082

Good afternoon. My name is Dayzra Bournes and I am a senior at Windsor High School.

I am a part of the Youth Leadership Academy team studying how to reduce poverty, and increase economic benefits and opportunities.

We recommended helping people of color who need incomes to get started as entrepreneurs. We also called for high-quality child care and early childhood education to be affordable.

But Black history is our topic today and my position is that we aren't taught enough about our history. We know a lot about slavery, but we don't know about the accomplishments that people of color have had over the centuries. We should be taught all this – and we shouldn't be restricted to one month of just going through the motions. If we are restricted to one month we forget and the information can be recycled.

We are just taught activism and civil rights, but there were Black scientists, doctors, educators, etc. – there was the Harlem Renaissance. There were abolitionists and white people who wanted to help us. We should be taught about these things. We should educate more people.

Lastly, I would like you to know that, in my school, we give a fun fact about Black history and then we go about our day ... and we don't revisit the topic of Black History.

Thank you for your time and I hope you can support this important bill.