

Dear Members of the Education Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Eliza Brown, and I am a student attending New London high school in New London, Connecticut, I am also a member of Hearing Youth Voices. We support Bill 7082 with the proposed amendment from Students for Educational Justice.

This bill is important to me because being a biracial woman, I want my history to be taught beyond the flashbacks of slavery, and beyond the Rosa Parks and MLK reruns. While those in deep are very important, my history can not be compressed into one week in February. I no longer trust my history to be in the hands and, at the leisure of my district.

A trustworth statewide committee needs to be established to create and evaluate the content incorporated into the K-12 curricula. The curriculum content must include the history of race and the history of racism in the United States. People often say history repeats itself but, by having this it will insure that the students across Connecticut will acquire the equal knowledge necessary to **not repeat the mistakes of our pass**

Along with this, racial bias trainings **need** to be in place to help expose subconscious biases. This will help White educators have a better understanding on how to communicate and build relationships with Black and Brown students, which is essential to a students ability to learn.

Passing this amended bill will lead to a whole future of change. Years from now, students will be learning about this very day. They will be learning how their history wasn't taught in schools. Learning about this legislature changed that, and most importantly learning about African American History.