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House Bill 7082, An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public School Curriculum

I am a college student at the University of New Haven and I feel that the importance of African-American Studies are more prevalent in the course of American education now more than ever. I am grateful that I was taught about the importance of African-American influence in our society during high school. Had I not been taught this information at all, I would surely be at a disadvantage in my level of knowledge and education on social issues. While education and society are making strides to increase common knowledge, there are of course states that do not fundamentally agree with this viewpoint. In modern society, African-American leaders are more influential in causing necessary social change than caucasian leaders. I believe this because they can provide a level of insight to an issue that caucasian leaders are not able to experience due to racial and social differences. It is harder to find a caucasian leader that has grown up in an impoverished area of a city, or has dealt with direct racial discrimination. I want more caucasian students to realize this, therefore I support this bill and wish to see it passed in to law.