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My name is Kristina Carey and I would like to testify in favor regarding the proposed House Bill 7082, *An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public School Curriculum*. I grew up in Massachusetts, and I distinctly remember my high school education regarding the history of America challenging what I had learned prior in elementary and middle school. I believe it is important for students to learn African-American studies in order to understand modern socioeconomics, and how the past actions of the United States government impact unjust social practices such as racism and sexism. I believe if education relating the African-American studies is standardized across public schools in America, children can begin to develop empathy and strive to accept everyone regardless of their race. The inadequate representation of information is a disservice to the public education system, as it incorrectly represents the history of our country. It is important to understand how American culture has changed and developed new laws that impact how modern society functions.

Thank you for your time
Sincerely,
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