

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

My name is *Stephanie Chapman*, I am a student from *New Haven* and I am a member of SEJ. I support Bill 7082 with SEJ's amendments. This bill is important to me because it will not only educate Connecticut students about the meaning of racism but this will also give them a better insight to the history of America and all the racial problems that come with it.

I was born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut and I have been going to school in New Haven since second grade. The first nickname I got in my new school was "white girl" from my friends since I was the only white person in my grade. At first I didn't understand why it mattered what color I am but growing up this way and being treated differently because of my skin color taught me that people segregate each other merely based on how they're born. I am currently a high school student still in New Haven.

With this bill passing there will be problems, which with our amendments can fix, such as teachers taking a lesson racial bias training which will teach the teachers what to do but, we just can't stop in Connecticut and spread this all through America which we can start. But I believe it'll get nowhere without our amendments.

Thank you for your time,  
Stephanie Grace Chapman

