

Ed testimony re: House Bill 7082

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I am writing to express my support for House Bill #7082. First, let me say that I never cease to be amazed when I become aware of an effort such as this proposed legislation. I shake my head when I think that in 2019 this bill would even be necessary to address the need for children to be taught comprehensive and factual US History. Please rectify this portion of the hole currently present in our education system by supporting this amendment. I believe that required inclusion of African American studies in our schools is a step toward providing a better education for CT's students.

In preparing to write a statement in support of the bill, I read both the original legislation and this bill to get a better sense of where we are as a state, and where this bill will bring us. Even with this bill, we certainly have a long way to go.

I am hopeful that subsequent bills will include education in the historical and current place that other forgotten groups, including Native American Nations, Women, People who live with Disability, the role that the "isms" have played – and continue to play in our country.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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