Dear Members of the Education Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly: Testimony on **HB7802**

I'm writing to support a bill to require our schools to teach about the history of racism in the United States and about the contributions that people of color have made to our State and Country. Furthermore, much has been learned about our biases, especially towards people of color, so I also support that as many people as possible in our Schools get trainings so they can recognize their biases.

These are very complicated issues that our culture needs to address. We have no easy way to resolve racism in our culture and institutions but I feel we must keep moving forward. Working with our teachers and therefore all whom they will be in contact with is a good way to proceed.

Furthermore, I suggest that all legislators, their staffs, in fact all of CT State Government employees, including the Governor and all his staff and appointees need to address racism in our society. They all would benefit from some training, education and workshops.

Please, keep us working hard on these issues.

Sincerely,

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