

Testimony in support of:  
House Bill No. 7082: An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in  
the Public School Curriculum

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Dear Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, and members of the Education  
Committee,

My name is Donna Grossman and I live in Windsor.

I am a 64 white woman who was brought up in a small town in Massachusetts  
before moving to Windsor in 1978. I remember the “history” of my childhood: how  
white Christian men seemed to have done everything worth doing in the world. I  
have done a lot more studying of history in my many years since. I’ve learned that  
most of the great world civilizations – the Chinese, Egyptian, Persian, Incan, Aztec,  
and Mayan – did not involve white folk at all. I’ve learned that the white male  
Christian history I learned almost totally white-washed the slavery and murder  
inherent in “our” world conquest.

I would have liked to think that we would be past the point where we need to  
legislate an African-American curriculum. But if the past two years have taught us  
anything, it’s that we are a long way from that in this country and even in this state.  
We will never have equality until everyone’s place in the world is recognized as  
being equally important. This bill is a small step in the right direction.

I strongly support H.B. 7082 and urge you to favorably vote the bill out of the  
Education Committee.

Thank you.