

My Support for House Bill 7082:

An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public School Curriculum

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Lauren Malster and I am a freshman student at the University of New Haven in West Haven, Connecticut. I am pursuing a major in Criminal Justice, with a dual minor in English and Sociology. I am writing this email in support of House Bill 7082: An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public School Curriculum.

As a Caucasian student myself, I believe that it is exceptionally critical to teach and expose students of various backgrounds to studies about races that are different than their own. The United States of America is a country built by immigrants, and has been coined a “melting pot”. All sorts of people call America home, and as a country it is our duty to understand and learn about our fellow citizens. I received my elementary and secondary education in my home state of Massachusetts, and I remember that the most influential courses I ever took were the ones that taught me about the history, perspectives, and values of cultures other than my own. I believe that in order for future generations to achieve greatness and make the United States better than it has ever been before, the inclusion of African-American studies in the public school curriculum is a must.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

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