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As a Connecticut resident, the Mayor of Wethersfield and the Administrative Assistant for the Center for African American Studies at Wesleyan University, I support the need for inclusive education at the elementary, middle and high school levels. I support HB 7082: An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in Public School Curriculum.

The lack of African American studies in public school curriculum is a gross oversight. Learning that the history of this great country isn't just about white men is important for the education of all of our students. Statistics are shocking – a 2017 study showed that only a third of high school students knew the 13th amendment ended slavery and only eight percent understood that slavery was the primary reason for the South seceding from the Union. How can we truly understand the struggles of this Country without learning about the history of all of its people?

I urge the passing of this bill so that students can learn about our complete history as Americans.

Sincerely,

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