

To whom it may concern,

Hello! My name is Autumn Parisi. I am a first-year student at the University of New Haven studying Criminal Justice. I am writing to express my support in passing the [House Bill 7082](#). I believe that it is extremely important to educate our children on the history of African Americans in public school. It has always been said not to bring up topics that might make others uncomfortable but by doing this we are avoiding opportunities of growth and prosperity through learning and understanding others views as well as learning from history. As someone who grew up on Long Island in New York State I was exposed to important discussions and learned about African American studies. I did not know that the curriculum that I was learning had been so different from other people my age who were in different states, even Connecticut which is one and a half hours away from my hometown. Being taught important topics that spark discussion such as African American Studies has helped develop my character and made me a more understanding person. I have learned to talk about controversial topics and have civil discussions that lead to a better understanding of other viewpoints. Withholding information such as topics like African American studies we are putting limitations on our youth and creating a tunnel vision mindset. I would like to thank you for taking time out of your day to read this email and hope the [House Bill 7082](#) will be passed for I believe that all students should be taught all parts of history especially African American studies because it is such a large part of American history, especially in the last 100 years.

Thank You,

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