

Dear Members of the Education Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Tyler Woods, I was a student from cooperative arts and humanities and I am a member of SEJ. I support Bill7082 with SEJ's amendments. This bill is important to me because I believe it is important to have diverse learning.

For for all my life i've been oblivious to to racism, so this is all new to me. I kinda had the mind set that if slavery was over, racism was over too.this has been the case until i went to high school in new haven. I was bombarded by opinions about race. I after a couple of months I had a loose opinion that racism is bad. But then I joined SEJ (formerly known as Prest) and then I went to a workshop about anti racism and the pieces fit together. I began to notice a lot of things i've otherwise wouldn't.

In all my U.S. history class/ social studies class, I have learned the same thing over and over again, and time and time again i neglected to grasp and keep the knowledge after a test. That was until my sophomore and junior year of high school. I had a teacher that would read through the textbook but in the middle of a section he'll stop and kinda read between the lines of what the textbook is saying. This teacher was black. This teacher was also arrested for trying to break a fight.

Thank you for your time,  
Tyler Woods