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

My name is Stephanie Chapman, I am a student from New Haven and I am a member of SEJ. I support Bill7082 with SEJ’s amendments. This bill is important to me because it will not only educate Connecticut students about the meaning of racism but this will also give them a better insight to the history of America and all the racial problems that come with it.

I was born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut and I have been going to school in New Haven since second grade. The first nickname I got in my new school was “white girl” from my friends since I was the only white person in my grade. At first I didn’t understand why it mattered what color I am but growing up this way and being treated differently because of my skin color taught me that people segregate each other merely based on how they’re born. I am currently a high school student still in New Haven.

With this bill passing there will be problems, which with our amendments can fix, such as teachers taking a lesson racial bias training which will teach the teachers what to do but, we just can’t stop in Connecticut and spread this all through America which we can start. But I believe it’ll get nowhere without our amendments.

Thank you for your time,
Stephanie Grace Chapman