Testimony in support of:
House Bill No. 7082: An Act Concerning the Inclusion of African-American Studies in the Public School Curriculum

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Dear Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, and members of the Education Committee,

My name is Donna Grossman and I live in Windsor.

I am a 64 white woman who was brought up in a small town in Massachusetts before moving to Windsor in 1978. I remember the “history” of my childhood: how white Christian men seemed to have done everything worth doing in the world. I have done a lot more studying of history in my many years since. I’ve learned that most of the great world civilizations – the Chinese, Egyptian, Persian, Incan, Aztec, and Mayan – did not involve white folk at all. I’ve learned that the white male Christian history I learned almost totally white-washed the slavery and murder inherent in “our” world conquest.

I would have liked to think that we would be past the point where we need to legislate an African-American curriculum. But if the past two years have taught us anything, it’s that we are a long way from that in this country and even in this state. We will never have equality until everyone’s place in the world is recognized as being equally important. This bill is a small step in the right direction.

I strongly support H.B. 7082 and urge you to favorably vote the bill out of the Education Committee.

Thank you.