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September 30, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
RE: Revised Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum / AB 331

via email: leg.unit@gov.ca.gov

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing to ask that you urge IQC and SBE Members to make the following revisions to the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum:

- Accurately represent Jewish American experiences and teach about anti-Semitism in all its forms;
- Add an inclusive unit about Middle Eastern communities featuring the lesson plan submitted by JIMENA; and,
- Remove "Guiding Values and Principles" which can and will be used to justify bringing hate and bias into our classrooms, in violation of AB331.

I am deeply concerned that without adequate safeguards, the discussions in these classrooms could morph into one-sided political advocacy and activism that will both subvert the academic mission of the university, and incite bigotry and harm against students.

Sincerely,

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