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Dear IQC Commissioners,

My name is Amy Koo, and I'm the Northern VP for the API School Board Members Association.

I implore you to restore the Cambodian American and Model Minority lessons as well as to add lessons for Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Indian Americans. I'd like to also see a Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity unit in Appendix B, like they organize at Stanford University's Ethnic Studies program.

I'm a 4th generation San Franciscan, and the first time I learned about the stories of those who came before me was watching this year's Asian Americans series on PBS at the ripe age of 46. I know we can and should do better. Through that series I realized that AAPIs did not struggle to be heard alone; they collaborated with other people of color to have a voice and be an integral part of the American fabric. These stories of intersectionality and common cause despite differing backgrounds should be in a Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity unit.

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