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**Dear Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education,**

**I am most concerned based on the coverage I have read on the deliberations for an ethnic studies curriculum that the proposed guidelines have the potential to reinforce differences and enhance prejudices.**

**We aspire to develop a diverse and fair society where each person is judged for who they are and not for their ancestors' history or faith.**

**The broad principles create the risk of - or worse allow the opportunity for - the teaching of ignorant and bigoted content, allow for the teaching of woke politics and worst – creating a sense of victimhood in each community**

**Rather, we must educate our youth to understand the multi-cultural foundations of our country. We learn from history by accepting, growing and being together as Americans.**

**Sincerely**

**Roger A. Lazarus**