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Hello,

I am a University student who is deeply concerned over the possible exclusion of West Asian Studies within the rubric of Asian American Studies. Today's political climate demands educated students. Excluding the rich history of West Asia, including Palestine, is very dangerous. The history of Palestine goes beyond the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict by thousands of years. Speaking and learning about all parts of Palestine is not antisemitic, but erasing Palestinian history from the curriculum is xenophobic and Islamophobic. Educated students have a right to learn about the Conflict and issues currently playing a role in Palestine's history. The revisions that affect Arab American students should be done in collaboration with Arab American students. Arab American students have a right to have their voices heard and their histories taught. That is the best way to help ensure the best possible education for all students and creating an inclusive curriculum. Thank you for your consideration.

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