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Dear Ms. Soomin Chao

As Chair of the California Instructional Quality Commission, I implore you to see that the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum is not used in any California school until it has undergone the revisions that have been recommended by a broad group of independent educators.

In its current form, the proposed curriculum places undue emphasis on Arab American culture and individuals while promoting anti-Semitism, and criticizing Israel. A public school curriculum should build understanding and tolerance. By using the Arab American Studies Course Outline in developing the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Draft the result will be reinforces negative stereotypes about Jews, singles out Israel for criticism and would institutionalize the teaching of anti-Semitic stereotypes in our public schools the result will be increased hate and prejudice.

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