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**Cc:** Tony Thurmond  
**Subject:** Revision of the ESMC

Dear Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education,

I am concerned by the flawed Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. I support the idea of teaching an ethnic studies class, but request you to make major revisions or a significant rewrite of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, consistent with the recommendations from the California Legislative Jewish Caucus letter, Stand With Us, Jimena, Amcha and others.

With three children already a minority in their classrooms adding the additional burden of a flawed educational platform highlighting their further minority status cannot possibly be beneficial to them. and is not an environment I want them to be part of.

Despite the significant contributions of Jews to California's history, politics, culture, and government – and our community's longstanding struggle against hatred and discrimination – the ESMC erases the Jewish experience in America. The exclusion is offensive and inconsistent with the purpose of ethnic studies to promote inclusion and tolerance.

I request you to make major revisions or a significant rewrite of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum to address these concerns.

Thank you,  
David Morgenstern