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To the Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education,

As a concerned California citizen, I took the time to read the draft ESMC. I was very disturbed by what I read and urge you not to approve the draft without major revisions.

I firmly believe in diversity and inclusiveness. We should encourage our youth to be tolerant and accepting of people's differences. After reading the draft, however, I felt the proposed curriculum focused far too much on "victimhood" and undermined the idea of personal responsibility.

I was also disturbed by the omission of any discussion of anti-Semitism, especially since there has been a large rise in the number of anti-Semitic attacks in the United States in recent years. The draft has an anti-Israel bias and is anything but even handed in the discussion of the Arab Israeli conflict.

I urge you not to approve the current draft without major revisions.

Thank you,

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