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Dear California Department of Education:

As an educator in California and the parent of two children in California's public schools, I want to express my strong concern regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. I was, frankly, horrified to read the first draft, and felt that a completely new start was needed. This second draft is not that. It retains most of the key problems with the first draft – primarily that it represents a particular political viewpoint and does not present balanced perspectives on controversial issues.

Please send this effort back to the start line. Building a deeper understanding of diversity issues in our state is important, but it needs to be done in an inclusive, truthful, and just way.

Sincerely,

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