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To: Ethnic Studies

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF ARAB AMERICAN STUDIES AND ETHNIC STUDIES

Hello,

My name is Dri, and I am a college student in Southern California interested in the education field as well as a current resident of Siskiyou County, California. I strongly support the CA Model Ethnic Studies curriculum, including the inclusion of Arab American Studies within Asian American Studies. As an Asian American, solidarity across the entire Asian/Arab diaspora is important to me. In this current moment, understanding Palestinian history, American violence in the Middle East, and xenophobia and Islamophobia is critical for California's students to learn in order to become responsible members of California's diverse community. Additionally, the formation of the ethnic studies curriculum should include Arab American scholars! We cannot form a full curriculum without them.

Thank you,
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