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Submitted via email

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Ms. Soomin Chao  
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Chairwoman Chao and Members of the Instructional Quality Commission:

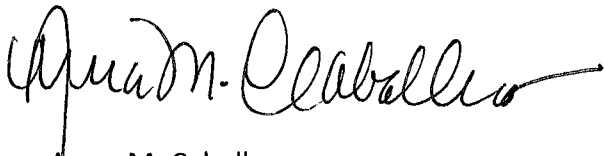
I respectfully join my colleagues from the California Legislative Jewish Caucus in expressing deep concerns with the recent draft of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC) and call for the development of a model curriculum that accurately reflects the significant contributions of American Jews to California's history, politics, and culture, and is free of bias and negative stereotypes.

I want to express my appreciation and support for the work being done to ensure our high school students learn and understand California's complicated history grounded in the perspectives and experiences of people of color. I know that our students stand to benefit greatly from this discipline, which can help improve school climate and understanding of the diverse cultures of our state. The fact that California will have an Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum is a landmark moment for our K-12 education system. It is for this reason that we must be conscious of how different communities are affected by structures of power and racism, including the Jewish community.

I believe my colleagues' call for a curriculum that addresses antisemitism and the Jewish community's longstanding struggle against hatred, bigotry, and discrimination is merited. I support my colleagues' request for a curriculum that better reflects the American Jewish experience, especially in light of the recent and continued attacks on and discrimination of the Jewish community across the nation.

I understand that the deadline for public comment has closed but I appreciate your consideration of my support for a curriculum that addresses the concerns of the Jewish Caucus.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anna M. Caballero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

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cc: The Honorable Tony Thurmond, State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
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