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To: Ethnic Studies
Cc: Tony Thurmond
Subject: ESMC Model Curriculum

Dear Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education

I am upset by the proposed and unbalanced Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. I support the idea of teaching an ethnic studies class, but I urge You to make major revisions or a significant of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, consistent with the recommendations from the California Legislative Jewish Caucus letter, Stand with US, Jimena, Amcha and others.

I am the Grandparent of a Fourth grade student and it is important to me to see a balanced curriculum which includes discussion of the rise of anti-Semitism and its negative impacts.

I support diversity and inclusion, but a oppose a curriculum that erases the American Jewish Experience, fails to discuss anti-Semitism, reinforces negative stereotypes about Jews, singles out Israel for criticism and would institutionalize the teaching of Anti Semitic stereotypes in our public schools.

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

Sincerely,
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