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To: Ethnic Studies; Tony Thurmond

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My wife Lois Brandwynne and I request in the most urgent terms that the proposed ESCM be significantly rewritten in line with the recommendations of the California Legislative Jewish Council. I myself am a Holocaust survivor who lost half my family, including my parents in the Holocaust. I therefore know first hand about discrimination and persecution of minorities and strongly support addressing these issues for all minorities. Antisemitism is, most unfortunately, a major and growing curse in our American fabric and today exceeds that of anti-muslim incidents. It is essential that a fair and honest presentation of this issue is included in any ethnic studies program. Sincerely,

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