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To: Ethnic Studies
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in request of keeping the Arab American portion in the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. I am a public school History teacher here in California and know how important it is to uplift the identities of all my students in the curriculum. My Arab and Muslim students deserve to have their history and their culture explored and celebrated, just as every other group should as well. Including the Arab American experience in ethnic studies is not just beneficial to students of that identity. It is also beneficial to the overall student body to learn about the experiences of other groups which are different than them. It is not only interesting to learn about other groups, but it also useful in eliminating fear and discrimination of other groups which someone might not be familiar with. At this time in our country's history, we need more diversity in the curriculum, not less.

Thank you for your consideration.

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