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TO: the California Department of Education

I am a resident of Oakland, California. My son attended both public and private schools in northern California. My granddaughter currently does.

I am writing to urge the CDE to:

- **Reject debunked definitions of anti-semitism contained in the curriculum or sample lesson plans that equate criticism of Israel with anti-semitism. Offer this simple but powerful definition as an alternative: Anti-semitism is discrimination against, violence towards, or stereotypes of Jews for being Jewish.**

I also strongly support the following measures:

- **Include the Arab American lesson plan submitted to the CA Dept of Education by members of the original Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC) advisory committee.**
- **Re-insert Arab American studies in its rightful place - within Asian American studies.**
- **Align all lesson plans to the guiding principles of ethnic studies, which are anti-racist, de-colonial and liberatory.**

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