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My name is Edgar Martinez. I am a senior at the MET High School. I am writing in support of House Bill No. 5836. Ethnic studies are important for people like me who grew up not learning their history. My parents never took the time to teach me about what it means to be Hispanic and the culture that comes with it. I learned what I can in the free time I have, but it still isn't much. I often feel like a fake Hispanic due to the disconnect and lack of knowledge that I feel with my culture and history. Ethnic studies would have helped me so much when I was younger. It would have taught me things I want to know and given me more confidence within my identity. I ask that you please pass House Bill No. 5836, so that more students can have the chance to learn about their history. Thank you