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My name is Joanne Rich and I live in Providence. I'm writing in support of HB 5836 in support of an Ethnic Studies Curriculum.

As I retired educator, I know first hand that students have better success in school when they see themselves represented by their teachers and their curriculum. In a city as diverse as Providence, and Ethnic Studies curriculum will not only ensure that students have access to curriculum that will help them be better equipped to serve as educated citizens navigating these difficult political times, I am confident it will increase student engagement, attendance, and over all success.

Thank you,
Joanne Rich