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From: Mase Peterson <masoncrpeterson@gmail.com>
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To: House Education Committee
Subject: Support Ethnic Studies in RI Schools

To the House Education Committee,

My name is Mase Peterson, I'm a Providence resident, and I strongly support the implementation of a year-long ethnic studies course through H5836. As a white person and former educator who mentored children between the ages of 12 and 18, there is an insurmountable value in teaching young folks how to navigate the world of identity, the history of race and ethnicity formation, and why race/ethnicity is still a pertinent educational tool. Students will benefit greatly from such a course and will be more prepared to build an anti-racist values system.

Warmly,
Mase