

> Hello. I am writing today in regards to the possible law that is going into the schools about incorporating religious studies. In this, you mention everything except for Jewish studies. With anti semitism at an all time high, this is even adding to the fuel if you omit Jewish studies and talk about genoside (which obviously will be very one sided in teaching). There is one optional class you can take at the high school and very few kids take that. There is absolutely no mandate about Jewish curriculum or holocaust studies in the schools. The H5836 act that is proposed mentions ethnic studies courses but fails to mention anything to do with Jewish people. This will only add fuel to the anti semitism already seen in this state. Please make sure to correct that so Jewish studies is included. Or omit this bill completely. Historical precedent shows that ethnic studies frequently frame Israel and Jews as "oppressors" while omitting Jewish historical persecution (eg the Holocaust) or contributions.

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> Thank you,

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