



# ARISE

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House Bill 5836 – “Our History, Our Schools, Our Future: About Ethnic Studies Bill”

Dear Chair McNamara and Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Michael and I am a Youth Leader at ARISE. I am writing to support House Bill No. 5836 because it's extremely important for me to have Ethnic Studies a part of the education system. It is the study of race, power, privilege, and oppression through the lens of Western imperialism and colonization. This matters to me personally because I am an African American and Hispanic kid, and it's important to me to learn about the prejudice and racism my ancestors have gone through as a black kid.

Thank you,

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