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Hello Representative McNamara,  
My name is Shawna Swift and I am a resident of East Providence.

I am writing you today to express my opposition for House Bill 5836, an ethnic studies bill that would teach students ideological ideas about the United States.

In a time that is incredibly divisive and where love for our country has declined, it's important to unite us all (from all different backgrounds). And to not sew division.

Teaching students about theories that suggest that we are inherently racist as a country is wrong. We were one of the first countries to abolish slavery and our constitution represents the liberties of the individual (of all races and creeds).

This bill would create division among different groups and would foster distrust in the United States.

Please oppose this bill if it comes before the education committee.

Thank you for your time,  
Shawna Swift

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