

Members of the Joint Technical Corrections Committee:

I agree with what is stated below. I grew up poor with no running water or electricity. 20 years ago, I was on welfare and a single mom. I have lived in low income housing. None of this was due to the color of my skin. I am white. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." By focusing on color, we are only staying trapped in what men like Mr. Luther fought against. I judge people by their character and we should build up our children's character to reflect what we want our country to stand for. Do we want our country to stand for perseverance or apathy? Do we want our country to stand for unity or division? Do we want our country to stand for love or hate?

Please support and pass HB 1508.

Why is this bill needed?

- The prevailing narrative of racial grievance has been corrupting the education of American history and the humanities for many decades, but has accelerated dangerously over the past year and a half. The most damaging effects of such instruction fall on lower income minority children, who are implicitly told that they are helpless victims with no power or agency to shape their own futures while other students are told they are oppressors simply because of the color of their skin. The tenets of Critical Race Theory are incredibly divisive and damaging, particularly to young children.

- Teaching history through the single lens of race relations is a danger to our country as it leads to a hatred of America and a strong motivation to tear down our system of government. Also - we should consider the consequences of focusing so much of our energy on social issues while less than half of our students are proficient in reading, math, and science. Please take the time to read the following article.

As US Schools Prioritize Diversity Over Merit, China Is Becoming the World's STEM Leader

Thank you for your leadership and service to our state.

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