

To Chair Webb and the House Education Committee,

I'm wishing you a belated Martin Luther King Jr. Day! In the spirit of justice and equity for all that Reverend Dr. King portrays, **I urge you to favorably recommend to the floor** as soon as possible the following bill: **H.3- An act relating to ethnic and social equity studies standards for public schools.**

We must recognize that we occupy land that was stolen from people that did not claim ownership of it, and those people are *mostly* exterminated and/or driven out. We also need to recognize that our country is based on the work of people forced against their will, and people of color that have not received proper recognition for their feats. It is unethical to avoid teaching this, and we must take steps to include these ethnic studies in public schools for the betterment of our state and world!

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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*\* I include my pronouns in my email signature because I recognize that if we are going to change a culture that assumes gender, and if I am going to be a part of that change, it is one small thing I can do in solidarity with those who do not conform to the idea of a gender binary. For more information on gender identity and a number of related topics, I invite you to read [this article](#) and others on the hosting website.*