

Good Morning,

I am writing in support of the Vermont Holocaust Memorial's stance on draft bills S.189 and H.457, hoping for a change to the current bill. Right now the bills merely call for research into the status of Holocaust education in Vermont schools and recommendations for future action. This work has already been done on a state-by-state basis by the Claims Conference survey (<https://www.claimscon.org/millennial-study/>). The Vermont Holocaust Memorial's stance is that research, time, and funding into the "status" of Vermont Holocaust education is unnecessary. Vermont educators need training. Students need to be taught the lessons of the Holocaust appropriately and repeatedly throughout their school careers. I urge you to ensure the creation of standards for Holocaust education now, for teachers and their students, not some indefinite future.

For more information on the Vermont Holocaust Memorial, see their website: <https://www.holocaustmemorial-vt.org/>

Thank you for your time and effort,  
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