

80 Groups Thank Gov. Newsom for Veto of AB 331

Governor Gavin Newsom
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: 80 organizations thank you for your leadership in vetoing AB 331

Dear Governor Newsom,

Our organizations are deeply grateful that you declined to sign AB 331 into law and recognized the danger of requiring all California high school students to take an ethnic studies class based on a highly politicized, exclusionary and divisive model curriculum. We also applaud you for directing your staff to work with the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to guarantee a necessary overhaul of the model curriculum so that it celebrates California's robust ethnic diversity and unites, rather than divides, our students and state.

Thank you for making clear that politics do not belong in an educational curriculum, and paving the way with your veto. Moving forward, we hope state lawmakers will follow your lead and establish legislative safeguards ensuring that all state-approved instructional materials, including the AB 2016-mandated Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, are free from political bias and not used to advance partisan political causes.

We greatly appreciate your leadership on this issue, which is vitally important to all Californians.

Sincerely,

Academic Council for Israel
Alliance for Constructive Ethnic Studies
Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity (AEPi)
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Davis
Alums for Campus Fairness - UC Riverside
Alums for Campus Fairness - UCLA
AMCHA Initiative
American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists
American Council of Trustees and Alumni

American Institute for Jewish Research
American Jewish International Relations Institute
American Truth Project
American Values
American Zionist Movement
Americans Fighting Antisemitism
Americans for Peace and Tolerance
B'nai B'rith International
BEAR: Bias Education, Advocacy & Resources
Black Americans for Inclusive Ethnic Studies
Bobcats for Israel at Ohio University
Boston Israel Action Committee
Bulldogs for Israel (Brooklyn College)
California Association of Scholars
CAMERA on Campus
Campus Anti-Semitism Task Force of the North Shore
Center for Righteousness and Integrity
Chovevei Zion
Christians and Jews United for Israel
Club Z
Coalition for Jewish Values
Combat Anti-Semitism Movement
Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA)
Conference of Jewish Affairs
Creative Community for Peace
CUFI on Campus
Davis Faculty for Israel
Eagles Wings
Education Without Indoctrination
Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET)
Facts and Logic About the Middle East (FLAME)
Grandchildren of Holocaust Survivors
Hasbara Fellowships
Herut North America, U.S. Division
Institute for Black Solidarity with Israel
Iranian American Jewish Federation
Iranian Jewish Women's Organization
Israel in NYC
Israel Matters
Israel Peace Initiative (IPI)
JAM

Jewish American Affairs Committee of Indiana
Latinx for Quality Education
Magshimey Herut
Michigan Jewish Action Council
Middle East Forum
Middle East Political and Information Network (MEPIN)
National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel
National Council of Young Israel
National Jewish Advocacy Center
NH4Israel
North Carolina Coalition for Israel
Progressive Zionist Union (PZU)
Rabbinical Alliance of America
Religious Zionists of America
Rhode Island Coalition for Israel
Russian Jewish Community Foundation
San Diego Asian Americans for Equality
Scholars for Peace in the Middle East
Stop Anti-Semitism Now
Stop BDS on Campus
Students and Parents Against Campus Anti-Semitism
Students Supporting Israel at Drake University
Students Supporting Israel at UCLA
Students Supporting Israel National
Swarthmore Alumni Against Antisemitism on Campus
The Israel Christian Nexus
The Israel Group
Tufts Friends of Israel
World Jewish Congress North America
Zachor Legal Institute
Zionist Organization of America