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Testimony for HB 47
Ways and Means Committee

Good Afternoon Madame Chair, Mr. Vice – Chair, and esteemed members of the committee,
I am Delegate C.T Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to present:

House Bill 47: Public Schools – Expanded American History – Development of Content Standards and Implementation

Bill Overview:

Requiring the State Board of Education to, by December 1, 2022, develop content standards for expanded American history; requiring each county board of education, in collaboration with the local school system, to develop and implement certain curriculum guides for expanded American history; requiring each public school, by the 2023-2024 school year, to include expanded American history in the social studies curriculum; and requiring the State Department of Education and the State Board to jointly analyze certain content standards.

Outline:

(A) The State Board must develop content standards for Expanded American History to be included in the State standards and framework of social studies. The content of standards for Expanded American History shall include instruction on the history and contributions of the following groups:

- (1) **African Americans;**
- (2) **American Indians;**
- (3) **Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;**
- (4) **Hispanic Americans;**
- (5) **Women; and**
- (6) **Other Groups as Determined By the State Board**

(B) Each County Board, in collaboration with the local school system, shall develop and implement an age – appropriate curriculum guides for Expanded American History subject to the content standards established under subsection (A) which will begin at the 2023 – 2024 school year, in which all public schools in the state shall include Expanded American History in the Social Studies curriculum.

Conclusion: In conclusion, this bill aims to develop and implement Expanded American History standards into all public-school curriculum in Maryland. This will allow students to learn a more expanded American history that goes more in depth of how these above mentioned diverse groups have also helped shape and build America up to what it is today.

Thank you for your time and I request a favorable report for **HB 47**.