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**TO: Delegate Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair, Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins,
Vice Chair and the members of the House Ways and Means Committee**

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A broad and balanced curriculum has been defined as one that “provides children with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to develop into well-rounded, informed individuals.” It is impossible to make a well-informed decision if one does not have the full background and context. A responsible citizen needs to have such a context in order to understand the current situation. Our democracy depends on having citizens who study all of our history, and know the “good” and the “bad” of our history. As Winston Churchill said during World War II, paraphrasing George Santayana, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

We expect Germany to teach the Holocaust for that very reason. Similarly, we need to provide our children with full knowledge of all aspects of our history, including Asian-American history. Our democracy depends upon it.

We strongly request a favorable report.