

February 27th, 2024

Dear Honorable Delegates Valderrama and Wu,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Burmese community to express our strong support for House Bill 1363, which seeks to integrate Asian American history into the public school curriculum. As members of the Burmese community, we believe that this initiative is crucial for fostering cultural understanding, promoting inclusivity, and preparing the younger generation for a more diverse and interconnected world.

Our community firmly believes that a comprehensive education that includes the rich history and contributions of Asian Americans is essential for fostering an environment of tolerance and appreciation for diversity. By incorporating Asian American history into the curriculum, students will gain a deeper understanding of the struggles, triumphs, and contributions of various Asian communities, including the Burmese community.

Furthermore, we emphasize the importance of cultural sensitivity in education, and everyone interacting with people from different ethnicities, including the Burmese community. By integrating Asian American history into the curriculum, we not only celebrate diversity but also prepare our youth to be culturally competent healthcare providers, fostering a healthcare system that is more responsive to the needs of all communities.

In conclusion, we wholeheartedly support HB1363 and its goal of integrating Asian American history into the public school curriculum. We believe that this initiative will contribute to a more inclusive and culturally sensitive educational environment, preparing the younger generation to thrive in an interconnected and diverse society.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we appreciate your dedication to promoting a well-rounded and culturally inclusive education for all.

Sincerely,

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