

I am writing regarding the new rules for state education quality standards. I am specifically voicing my concern regarding the elimination of section B defining ethnic groups. These standards must include in its definition of groups historically subjected to persecution. It is common knowledge that antisemitism is on the rise in the United States, including in Vermont. In the past week, anti-Israeli/Jewish events have occurred in Vermont as well as across the country in response to the terrorist attack on Israel. These events illustrate the importance of educating children on the historical facts of antisemitism. Thank you for your attention to the important oversight.

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