

To the team considering the EQS Rule Series 2000 Review

Thank you for your attention and work in developing these changes. This work is deeply important and the value to the children of our state is crucial. I believe that implementation of Act 1 and the definition of Ethnic Groups, must include part B of the definition “groups that have been historically subject to persecution or genocide.” This must be included in the Education Quality Standards’ (EQS) and Frameworks’ definitions of Ethnic Groups in order to address the impact of antisemitism.

The White House has issued the [National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism. Pillar 1](#) of that strategy reads, " Increase awareness and understanding of antisemitism, including its threat to America, and broaden appreciation of Jewish American heritage."

It is incomprehensible to me as a rabbi in our beautiful state, why Vermonters, our friends and colleagues would fail to require teaching of the Jewish experience as part of this important curriculum?

In hope for a brighter and less hate filled future for all

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