

To: Senate Committee on Education
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I fully SUPPORT SB 617, including Senator Fredrick's amendment, to do whatever we can now to mitigate the great harm done through past failure to incorporate what SB 617 will require in public education curriculum. All students need to know the true histories, contributions and perspectives of Black and African American individuals. Such contributions are enriching my own life as I realize the extent of past misinformation and omission in my education, in the areas SB 617 would cover. These changes are urgent.