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I firmly oppose this bill as it is proposing the creation of a council whose youth members are chosen based on criteria that would discriminate against children who do not fall under their list of qualifications, but who may be still experiencing bias and discrimination in their schools and community. This bill fails to acknowledge the overt discrimination and prejudice that straight, Caucasian boys and girls are enduring in schools today because of groups and policies, such as this one, that shine a light on the differences between children and teach them false and harmful ideologies.

The services and programs that would be recommended by this established group would violate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin, as well as Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination.