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Re: Opponent: House Bill 2612. Hearing Feb. 1, 2024

Dear Representative Williams,

I am writing to ask that you not support House Bill 2612, which will pull the accreditation for public schools in the event that the legislature bans the teaching of any history concerning race or LGBTQ people, information commonly taught in Advanced Placement and High School/College Credit classes. This bill would handicap the children of your constituents who are preparing to enter college and who wish to take advantage of the savings offered by these classes. This bill would not apply the same penalty to private schools, but most of your voters use the public school system, not private schools.

These classes are extremely popular. This bill would gut important curricula, denying students this more affordable higher education credit, and any support of 2612 would not be popular with the majority of the voters in your district, forcing these parents to go further into debt to pay college tuition. Your support of this bill would be a tactical mistake and undermine your voters' confidence in your leadership.

Thank you for taking time to read this. I know you have many items to work on now, and I appreciate your taking into account our concerns on this issue.

Sincerely,

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