May 19, 2021

To Members of the Texas Senate,

We are historians against HB 3979 & SB 2202.

Students have a right to learn an accurate account of history, including the darkest parts of our history and the long efforts for freedom and social justice. A truthful accounting of history will allow students to learn the lessons of the past to help build a more equal and inclusive future.

This legislation is also detrimental for teachers and students in more than one way.

This bill places history and civics teachers in a professionally compromising position in the classroom. It is impossible to teach the history of the United States without discussing race, gender, religion, or injustice. That inaccurate account of history would not meet professional standards set by professional historical associations like the Organization of American Historians or the American Historical Association. That version of history would not meet the State Board of Education curriculum standards set by Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. Moreover, mandating how topics like slavery must be taught is an overreach of the legislature.

Removing lessons that teach students how ideas of race and gender shaped our laws and policies will academically disadvantage students in Texas. They will not be prepared to take Advanced Placement exams for college credit. They will not have the basic foundation in US history or the analytical skills required for students to succeed in colleges and universities. This bill might even prohibit students from taking Dual Enrollment courses taught by high school instructors that accurately teach the history of the United States. Moreover, students will be ill-equipped to have conversations in daily life about accurate history or controversial topics.

Supporters of these bills are using inflammatory language. Today teachers that follow guidelines outlined by professional organizations and the Texas State Board of Education are being dangerously misrepresented as "indoctrinating" students. These baseless accusations sow public distrust of our teachers and of public education more generally. It also makes the work of teachers of history, civics, Mexican American studies, and African American studies more difficult and they may even be targeted with harassment or worse.

Senators, we urge you to show your support for Texas teachers, ensure that our students will be academically prepared to succeed in higher education and in life, and vote no for HB 3979 and SB 2202.

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