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To the lawmakers considering passing LD187 I strongly condemn this act as nothing short of an act of violence against this great nation, which will have permanent damage on the minds and bodies of millions of Americans. This act seeks to not teach history but to destroy the great legacy that is America.

America does not live under auspices of the opinions of foreign entities such as the United Nations or the opinions of angry men. It exist and breaths under the Bill of Rights, which has been a beacon of sovereignty to the whole world. In the words of Robert Woodson, America's greatest civil rights activist next to Dr Martin Luther King, America is a place of "second chances", with the Constitution being a societal road map of the soul, according to Thomas Jefferson.

To teach, in any way, that slavery as an institution in the American colonies was genocidal, would be to support the notions of intellectually bankrupt men and women. Those who seek to implement this program have no further ends but to teach Americans to hate America.

Slavery, as an institution, was practiced throughout the entire world and was accepted as a caste system in most great civilizations, until it was ended in America. So in all of recorded history slavery existed and was ended by this great nation; this is the great fact we should be teaching.

Dear lawmakers do not allow this bill to pass please its only purpose is destruction.