

My name is **Eitan Ehrlich**, I am a Sophomore at the University High School Of Science and Engineering, and I am a practicing Jew. Throughout my lifetime I have encountered many people that are undereducated and misinformed on topics related to the Holocaust and other genocide events in history. I completely believe that Bill 462 proposing Holocaust and genocide awareness and education in schools is a necessary addition to the Connecticut curriculum in order to better inform the next generation of leaders.

Walking down the street, wearing a yarmulke, should not be a cause for anti-semitism, as it has been in my life. Instead, one should be safe to practice any good-hearted religious commandments. Adults and Teens, that do not understand the history, and cause of mass genocide events such as the holocaust should not be disregarded, but educated. Education, such as the specific sort provided here, can play a key role in preventing future genocide, and will provide a space to address violence, and will greatly promote values, skills, and virtues that can prevent modern day violence.

I am a firm believer in historical event education, and this a step in the right direction to changing the face of Connecticut's history education as a whole.