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Good morning and thank you to the Chairs – Rep. Fleishmann, Senator Slossberg and Senator Boucher and Ranking member Rep. Lavielle.

I'm here to testify in support of Senate Bill 452, AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE EDUCATION AND AWARENESS IN THE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM.

This morning children from across the country – including Connecticut – are walking out of their school in protest. My two daughters are among them and before I left the house today they told me they're participating for two reasons – two remember the victims of the shooting in Florida and to help ensure it never happens again.

I immediately thought of Senate Bill 452. We must never forget the victims of the Holocaust and genocide and we must make sure past is not prologue. We must stand-up to violence and intolerance – whenever and wherever it happens.

Teaching our students about the Holocaust and genocide is critical. They must understand what societies are capable of. Awareness and education will help prevent atrocities in the future and help honor the victims of the past.

I am grateful to the leadership of this committee for their support of this legislation and their leadership on this issue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Slap".

Representative Derek Slap