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Subject: Testimony In Support of H5841

To the House Committee on Education,

I am writing in support of House bill 5841, the Crown Act. This bill would prohibit discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.

Black folks in this country have endured centuries of criticism for their physical appearance including their hair, which continues to this day. It is especially unfair that students have to worry about this kind of criticism and discrimination while trying to learn in what is supposed to be a safe space. I, as a White person, remember school being a hard enough experience trying to fit in and make friends while getting an education. I can't even imagine what it is like for a Black student who has the added layer of racism coming into play.

No student should be subject to discrimination based on how their hair looks and how it is styled. Please support H5841. Thank you.

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