As Vermont citizens and taxpayers for many years, we write to ask the Committee to restore "the Jewish people" to the list of ethnic groups that "have been historically subject to persecution or genocide" in the new rules for the State Education Quality Standards. Included also should be restoring the curricular subject of antisemitism which remains a chronic problem internationally.

The disturbing data on increasing antisemitism in the USA, usually a product of ignorance and superstition, makes this a serious issue with important educational implications.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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