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Dear Members of the Texas House of Representatives,

The North Texas Commission opposes HB 3979.

This bill would restrict local control with our school districts and affect how teachers discuss current events with their students. This legislation conflicts with current learning standards which allow teachers to bring emerging topics to the classroom for discussion and critical thinking.

We are also concerned about the bill prohibiting current training requirements of teachers to help them gain a better understanding of racism and sexism. This legislation would restrict funding of this type of training – something that many of our ISD leaders believe is needed to create more equity and inclusion in their local school districts.

Racial equity is a goal that needs to be achieved. With more education on race and racism, we can each gain a better understanding of the history of racism, implicit bias, and how we can each contribute to a more inclusive region and state.

We ask that you oppose HB 3979.

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