

Dear :

I write today to ask your support for ([Senate Bill 121](#) or [Assembly Bill 4712A](#)) “AN ACT in relation to authorizing the commissioner of education to conduct a study regarding courses of study on the Holocaust within the State.”

New York has the largest Jewish population of any State, and it is one of only 18 states that mandate Holocaust Education. But in a breakout from a comprehensive national study, NY ranked in the bottom 10 of all U.S. states in Holocaust Awareness. In fact, one of the most shocking statistics revealed by that study was that, in the 18 – 39 age demographic, [“19% of respondents believed Jews started the Holocaust.”](#)

Clearly, current Holocaust Education programs in NY State are inadequate.

I strongly support this Bill and I respectfully implore you to become a co-sponsor and use your influence to help pass this important legislation.

In an era of rampant anti-Semitism, Holocaust Education curricula must be effective and adequately supported. A law mandating review of current educational initiatives to address this problem is the first essential step.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,