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Good Morning,

My name is Paul Vang. I am a former MPS educator (Chemistry teacher at Milwaukee High School of the Arts) and now work as a community advocate with a hmong non-profit organization.

I am writing to you because several school boards throughout the state (Eau Claire, La Crosse) have recently passed resolutions supporting the Hmong History Bill (Assembly Bill 34). The bill would require Hmong history to be taught in WI classrooms. The Hmong community in Milwaukee would like to talk with their school board members about passing a similar resolution.

In Milwaukee, the Hmong population makes up over 10,000 individuals, and in our schools, Hmong students are making up an increasingly large proportion of the student body. In this climate of racial hostility, now more than ever, a pedagogy that reflects the diversity and cultures of our students is needed.

Please consider scheduling an item in an agenda or setting up a meeting so that members of our community can offer our perspective on the issue.

All the best,

Paul Vang