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July 7th, 2025

The Honorable Sasha Renée Pérez
Chair, Senate Education Committee
1021 O Street, Room 6740
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 908 (Solache) – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Pérez,

Youth Leadership Institute is proud to support AB 908 by Assemblymember José Luis Solache, Jr. This critical legislation will require the California Department of Education (CDE) to monitor local school districts' compliance with the FAIR Education Act (Education Code Section 51204.5). AB 908 will help ensure that school districts meet their legal obligation to foster safe and inclusive learning environments for LGBTQ+ students and all California youth.

The FAIR Education Act mandates that California schools provide LGBTQ+ inclusive curriculum and textbooks. Specifically, social science instruction must include the early history of California and the roles and contributions of people of all genders, Native Americans, African Americans, Latino Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, LGBTQ+ Americans, persons with disabilities, and other historically marginalized groups. This law was intended to create a more accurate, diverse, and inclusive education that fosters understanding and acceptance in our schools.

However, more than a decade after its passage, implementation remains inconsistent across the state. Equality California's 2024 Safe Schools Report Card found that only 37% of surveyed school districts have fully adopted compliant instructional materials. As a result, LGBTQ+ people remain underrepresented in classrooms across the state. California must do more to ensure that local school districts uphold their obligations under state law to create a safe and inclusive learning environment for LGBTQ+ and all students.

AB 908 takes a meaningful step forward by requiring the CDE to monitor local school districts' compliance with the FAIR Education Act. This will help enforce the state's commitment to inclusive curriculum and ensure that every student receives the education they deserve. For these reasons and more, **Youth Leadership Institute** is proud to support AB 908 and we urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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PATRICIA BARAHONA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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