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"Civil Rights Organization Files Discrimination Complaint Against Ron DeSantis and Florida Department of Education for Violating Title VI by Eliminating AP African American Studies"

Save Your Six, a parent-led civil rights advocacy organization, has filed a federal Office for Civil Rights complaint against Ron DeSantis, the Governor of Florida, and the Florida Department of Education. By blocking Advanced Placement African Studies from the Florida curriculum, Ron DeSantis and the Florida Department of Education are committing an unlawful act by violating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

The complaint emphasizes that the elimination of AP African American studies from the Florida curriculum is a discriminatory act that directly targets Black students in Florida, who are disproportionately impacted by historical and ongoing systemic racism. By denying them access to critical knowledge and resources about their own history and culture, DeSantis and the Florida Department of Education are perpetuating a long-standing pattern of discrimination and inequality.

School is a place where childhood happens. A place where children of different races, genders and cultures learn from the past, make sense of the present & prepare for the future. While educators across the country work to deliver our children an accurate and honest education, Ron DeSantis is weaponizing the Florida Department of Education to unlawfully censor what's taught, deny certain children resources, and write African American history out of our history books. What's worse, other states may attempt to repeat this violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Save Your Six is calling on the Office for Civil Rights to investigate this discriminatory violation and take appropriate action to remedy it as mandated under federal law. It is imperative that the Office for Civil Rights investigate this complaint, take swift action to hold those responsible accountable for their discriminatory actions, and to restore access to this critical knowledge and resource for Black students in Florida.

To learn more about Title VI civil rights protections, and how you can make sure your student has the #FreedoToLearn, visit <http://saveyourvi.org/>
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