

Dated Feb. 16, 20019

Letter in support to be posted

To: The Oregon Legislature

Re: Oregon Holocaust & Genocide Education Bill to be enacted into law by the Oregon legislature. 664 is an extraordinarily important, timely and courageous bill. I strongly support its passage.

As a US Army veteran (from the Korea era) and a 47 year resident of Oregon, and compassionate teacher—

who taught Literature of the Holocaust at Portland State University (1986-2001),

who founded the ongoing Holocaust & Genocide Studies (HGS) project at Portland State University in 2010,

who financially supported the creation of the Holocaust Memorial

In Washington Park, Portland, and who has financially supported busing school kids via OJMCHÉ from rural Oregon to visit

the Memorial and OJMCHÉ,

I applaud the bills before you and encourage you to vote in favor of their enactment.

I also applaud the work of the legislature, Robert Hadley, Judy Margles, the Never Again Coalition, board members at OJMCHÉ and others devoted to Holocaust/ Genocide education in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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