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Greetings Senators/All,

RE: SB 1521 Testimony

I am writing to stand with our parents & community who are greatly concerned and troubled with government overreach and elected officials that continue to pass laws in conflict with democracy.

SB 1521 is yet another such bill. Given that the ODE runs one of the worst performing public school systems in the nation, it is not a positive choice to give MORE POWER to the state over local school districts. Is this in response to the Newberg School District who fired their superintendent for insubordination after refusing to enforce the board action removing political (Marxist) symbols from the classrooms?

Considering that the school board members were democratically elected to remove this political indoctrination from their public school district, this is being interpreted that SB 1521 is an anti-democratic attempt to block tax payers from influencing the public education they pay for.

I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THE PROGRESS of SB1521, and consider the concerns of parents & students. This is a terrible bill that is immoral, in conflict with the state's constitution (no cause state), is anti-democratic and provides more power to a government agency (Oregon Department of Education) that is completely failing our kids within recent years.

Respectfully,

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