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As a public school librarian, I want to testify as to how critical it is that students receive education that includes an accurate representation of all of the people that were a part of our democracy. Students, as future leaders, should understand the ramifications of being citizens and have the information available to allow them to develop their critical thinking skills.

As young humans, they also deserve to see themselves (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, handicapped, neurodivergent, proud of their own culture and religion, etc...) reflected in literature. Not only does this enforce their sense of agency, but also develop empathy, compassion and overcome fears of people who look or believe differently.

Please support this legislation. Banning book bans is supporting critical thinking of our future generations and overcoming those who want to spread misinformation, fear, and hate.

This is vitally important. Thank you,

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