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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1583

Regarding SB1583: I am vehemently opposed to this terrible bill, which effectively removes local control over educational curricula, all under the guise of preventing discrimination. However, the bill's underlying intent is patently obvious: to prevent parents and school boards from removing ideologically-based curricular content that has the real potential of harming our children. Historically speaking, parents and school boards have always had the final say in determining appropriate curricula for students. Local control is the foundation of the public school system and is even more important in these days when morality, common sense and science itself no longer seem to matter in determining appropriate curricula.

SB1583 tears this local-control foundation right out of the heart of Oregon's public school system. Parents and school boards have an absolute right to question—and if necessary, reject—curricula being proposed for their districts. Otherwise, we will be no better off than those living in Communist China, where schools rigidly teach only curricula pre-approved by the Party. Pass this bill, and you will destroy Oregon's already-failing educational system.

Sincerely,

William Burt