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To the Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Education spaces should be places that are free of discrimination and representative of ALL children and families impacted by the educational infrastructure in Oregon.

We need to safeguard accuracy in education by ensuring that school board members are not allowed to ban books based on their own political or religious beliefs. Book banning is an injustice to current students and the future that these students will create.

Students need to have the opportunity to engage with materials to develop their own critical thinking skills. As stated in previous testimony to the committee, "By prohibiting discrimination in the selection of textbooks, instructional materials, and library books in public schools, we are ensuring that every child, regardless of their race, gender, religion, or socioeconomic background, has access to a broad, diverse, and enriching curriculum."

As an Oregon resident and tribal member, I encourage the committee to support this bill and assist in moving it through the Oregon Legislature for passage.