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To the Senate Committee on Education, I am writing in support of SB 1583. All people should be allowed to think for themselves, to have discretion in selecting the books they want to read. By restricting information and discouraging freedom of thought censors take away one of the primary functions of reading, to learn and understand. Readers can find characters going through things they are, which can help them sort out those issues they are dealing with. Reading helps us learn/understand about people or situations that are different from us and our thinking. Reading helps us understand our history and grow in knowledge. Reading also entertains, everyone should have the right to choose what author they want to read. The first amendment protects our right to receive information and ideas. Book banning takes that away.