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I am writing in support of SB 1583.

Parents and guardians can choose what their children read, but they are not permitted to determine what my child or your child reads. This right is made clear in the First Amendment. Those who oppose SB 1583 claim that they are protecting their child, but in reality, they are looking to erase and censor the rights of other parents.

Students need to see themselves reflected in their community. It is critical to carefully select books, magazines, educational videos, and experiences that reflect our student populations in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. Young learners need to find characters (real or fictional) going through the things they are, this will help them understand, love, and empower themselves.