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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

I strongly and unequivocally support SB1583 because I want personal discretion in selecting books and see no need (and great potential harm) in banned book lists. Please vote yes on Senate Bill 1583!

As a child I moved half a dozen times in as many years from one rural town to another. Schools, teachers, books and libraries became my sanctuary, particularly libraries! It was the one constant in any new town, and my happy place when I was struggling in other ways.

I particularly see the urgency of this issue in our rural state, where books can be hard to find for SO MANY people. With a book you can go anywhere in time or space, limited only by your imagination. Please let our schools and libraries do what they do best, without fear of censorship from outside sources. Don't let book bans get started in Oregon. Support Senate Bill 1583 and preserve freedom of thought for everyone. **SAVE THE BOOKS!**