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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing in support of SB 1583, which will prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books.

The US is experiencing an explosion of attempts to censor library and curriculum materials in our public schools, and Oregon is no exception. Many of these attempts are blatant in their opposition to LGBTQ+ materials, as well as those that touch on our country's difficult racial history.

These censorship attempts intend to limit the materials available to Oregon students based solely on the constitutionally protected viewpoints of those materials. As a parent and ardent supporter of intellectual freedom, this greatly troubles me. I believe strongly that representation of and honest history about all people is vital to raising children who become compassionate, caring, and informed citizens.

Please pass SB 1583, which I believe will help prevent these dangerous book bans and removal attempts.