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Dear Senators,

I am asking all of you to please take a few minutes to please consider supporting SB1583.

Senator Fredrick from North/Northeast Portland has introduced a bill into the legislature to Ban Book Bans and in this time of unprecedented demands to remove books from libraries, there is certainly a need for this bill.

Please consider that the majority of these requests come from a handful of vocal persons who admit to never having read the books to which they object. Often the books they want banned include representations of persons who have been historically marginalized which is unfortunate in so many ways.

Parents and family members should decide which books are appropriate for their children and their choices should not be negated by an insistent minority.

Thank you for working to preserve the rights of every reader.

Sincerely,

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