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I am very firmly in support of SB 1583 in order to protect our 1st amendment rights of free speech, for if we are denied our choice of reading materials, is this not a subjugation of that right? I do not believe anyone has the right to dictate to me what I can or cannot read and it is a parental responsibility to monitor what they believe to be appropriate for their children. As an adult, I should not be told what is "best" for me or that I am not allowed to access materials that someone else has decided are wholesome enough for my perusal. Indeed, there are many hateful tracts available and a lot of, what I consider, inappropriate information, but I have no right to deny these to those adults who want to see them. As far as I am concerned banning books is a non starter and should not even be given oxygen. Thank you.