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

Dear Oregon Senate Committee on Education:

As a committed ultra-progressive, I am happy to side with local conservatives in strongly opposing this bill. The fact it has been declared an emergency - in this world of bioweapons and homelessness, drug addictions and sudden deaths! - is an insult to thinking people. The playbook smear campaigns of those behind this dehumanizing agenda are wearing thin and ever more transparent. If it weren't so serious it would be funny to categorically label people protecting the rights of parents to have a say in their children's education as "hateful fringe groups" with "extreme" views (<https://www.aclu-or.org/en/yes-sb-1583-protect-oregon-students-discriminatory-censorship-and-book-bans>). The extreme view is that families should blindly trust bureaucrats and school staff to determine school curricula. Yes, even some liberals remember that these people work FOR families and the community. In fact, this radical, brazen push to obediently hand all education authority to faceless government institutions could easily be coined hateful - of democracy, human rights, common sense, family values, tradition, religion, parents, people, freedom. But unlike the leaders of this mad crusade, most of the conservatives in this state have the dignity to avoid incendiary slurs. I honestly have more respect for them every day. As a long-time defender of gay rights I want to warn people this bill is about the opposite. It has nothing to do with equality, censorship, or the rights of minority (truly "fringe") groups. It is about top-down control. Something we progressives have called tyranny for a while now. The supposed liberals pushing this nonsense give true progressives a bad name. I wonder if they are aware of how they are being used, played like a violin with cliché slurs designed to rile us up so we become tools of an agenda to rob all of us of our most basic human rights. I hope they wake up soon.

Please oppose this extreme, hateful bill. Protect families and our democracy from this dehumanizing fringe agenda and transparent tyranny.

In thanks -  
Kris