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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing to show my support for SB 1583.

After reviewing the testimonies opposing this bill, it has become even more apparent to me that this legislation is vital in halting the discriminatory censorship of educational materials in our state. The objections clearly outline a discriminatory objective, which contradicts the values we hold dear in the state.

As a professional from a rural area, I understand the risks involved in confronting threats from community members, parents, and administrators, both in terms of one's career and personal safety. These risks are genuine.

I urge you to approve this bill to promote inclusive learning, safeguard the well-being of librarians, and hopefully, take the initial steps towards acknowledging that Oregon should be champions in anti-discrimination.