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

Dear Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing this letter to ask you that you, please, support SB 1583. As a school librarian one of my main reason to be in education is to advocate for all students and make sure that they get the best and most diverse age appropriate materials that support their whole education.

There are several reasons why this bill will support our students without removing any individual parental or guardianship rights in education:

1. Effectively prevents material biases and censorship based on defined protected classes
2. Provides school boards, administrators, and librarians with clear directive to prohibit discriminatory practices in selection and in reconsideration of curricular and library materials
3. Thwarts efforts by individuals, or groups of individuals, whose main goal is to eradicate diverse voices
4. Grants a pathway for Oregon students to be able to have a non-limited education, with access to vast resources, which in turn will allow them to be best prepared for future collegiate and professional careers
5. Allows Oregon students to find representation via the protected classes of which they may be members
6. Safeguards institutions against targeted threats and campaigns

Please, support SB 1583.

Thank you for your time and support,
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