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As a parent, I want to be the one who chooses what books my children read. I do not want another parent, with other beliefs, being the arbiter of information for my child. Nor should I be able to determine what someone else's child reads or has access to. Please provide your support for SB1583 to ensure that access to books and information is protected from the growing number of targeted campaigns run by people who wish to censor anything and everything they don't like—especially those books about protected classes, who are already marginalized. My daughter grew up as a gay child in Oregon; she often felt alone and othered. Having access to books that reflected her experience was so important and provided hope for a more inclusive future. Everyone deserves to see themselves in literature, and everyone deserves to have access to books that reflect their experience.

SB1583 will provide school boards, administrators, and librarians with a clear directive to prohibit discriminatory practices in selection and in reconsideration of curricular and library materials. At the same time, the bill does not remove any individual parental or guardianship rights in education.

Please give your support to SB1583. Ban the book bans.