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I am writing in strong support of SB 1583. As someone who had the privilege of parental encouragement with reading throughout my childhood, I am grateful to have been able to check out the material that interested me, learn about various perspectives and experiences through narratives both fictional and nonfictional, and have conversations about the content. Reading, and having the freedom to choose what to read, can be empowering for young people, with the added benefit of fostering empathy. That can come from reading about others' experiences, but it can also arise from reading about those that reflect one's own. Being able to access these materials is incredibly important, and SB 1583 is an integral component to protecting that.