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Hello! I would like to express my concerns on this bill being a student myself.

While I can understand the aim of non-discrimination, the dangers of 'regulating' school materials are clearly apparent. Historically, when one group of people or an institution gets to define what is 'right' and what is acceptable for others to learn, corruption often follows. While this may not be the initial intent, it ultimately is something we have to consider. What the new generation learns is important, but by controlling what people can believe and only presenting selected information, you are not doing our generation justice. Something I've always valued after hearing from my father and grandparents about their lives in other countries is the freedom we in America have to choose, and that freedom has increasingly been taken away from us. Propaganda starts with the new generations, with the children, and while cautions may be helpful, bans are not.

I've grown up in a transition period, one where it went from me having the choice to choose what I believed to a school system that dictated who I should be. Is it discriminatory and wrong for me to be happy as a straight cisgender female? I have been told so. What is the point of anti-discrimination if it only means creating a new marginalized group? I know I don't understand everything in life but I do ask that you would take into consideration my position. May you all be blessed with wisdom and peace.