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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB1583

I support SB 1583 to prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials, or library books in public schools and hope that you will vote to support the bill when it comes up for a vote.

Our children need to see themselves in their learning materials, whether textbooks, readings, or library books. They also need to be exposed to different ideas, perspectives, and histories other than their own. This is how we support people from different backgrounds and identities. This is also how we develop empathy and understanding for those who are different than us. We need diverse ideas, voices, identities, and backgrounds in our schools and learning materials - not censorship and discrimination!

Please pass SB 1583 with the proposed amendment from the Oregon Library Association.