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I am a retired school librarian with over 20 years experience in public school libraries, K-12, both in Eugene School District 4j and in schools in the Chicago area. In addition to a BA in English literature, I hold Master's degrees in Education and in Library and Information Science. I was by training and experience qualified to evaluate library collections for my schools and for ALL of my students, as are all credentialed librarians. I stress ALL of my students, as my job was to provide the highest standards in selecting the books, materials and databases that reflected every student using the libraries: every ethnicity, gender, gender preference, belief system, everyone welcome and supported. I have also served on textbook selection committees and we strenuously followed those same professional guidelines.

This is what libraries do. They provide the best for everyone who uses their facilities and collections and in schools that means every student, not just some. This is also true for school textbooks. This is called education for an educated populist. In my view, public libraries and public schools are two of the best ideas that we as a democratic country have ever had. This bill adds protection to our schools and their libraries here in Oregon. I strongly support it and urge all of you to do the same. Thank you.

The point that I'm making is that