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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

My name is Victor Reyes, and I am writing as a concerned citizen and former Oregon State University instructor residing in Eugene, Oregon.

I am writing today in support of SB 1583, which will help protect our students and our public schools from radical politicization and interference from ideologues intent on imposing their viewpoints and biases on the next generation of Oregonians. While critics of this bill speciously claim that they have the best interest of students in mind, they are in fact opposed to anything that does not conform to a conservative, Christian, heteronormative worldview.

We know that today's Oregonians are increasingly diverse in terms of their heritage, beliefs, gender identity, and sexual orientation. This trend is only going to continue, so we must protect our students and our schools from any attempts to narrow the definition of what is acceptable to the standards of a bygone era. Community standards evolve over time, and this bill will help ensure that Oregon's students are exposed to the prevailing community standards of our state without the interference of culture warriors and bigots.

Thank you for your consideration.

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