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This measure is critical if we wish to preserve the safety of Oregonians. Everyone should be able to access materials that reflect their lives and experience, and obtain information. Why would we exclude certain populations from being represented in our schools and libraries? This bill helps to protect Oregon from discriminating against individuals and groups of people.

We should not let a small group of people, backed by people with deep pockets, censor vital information to our state. They have the option not to check out these materials for themselves or their families. The materials they are concerned about are age-appropriate materials that aren't hurting anyone.

Statistically, we know that one in three youth suicides is an LGBTQIA+ person. We know that this group is disproportionately targeted and bullied. They deserve all the support they can get, and that includes access to accurate, age-appropriate information. Children of color deserve access to real history and stories about people who look like them. There is only one reason to have a problem with this legislation, and it's bigotry. Let's please keep Oregon reasonable, inclusive, and sane.