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I strongly support SB 1583. Preventing censorship in any and every form is essential to democracy and essential for quality education.

The foundations of systemic discrimination and bigotry are reinforced by laws and ordinances that are passed under the guise of "protection" and "decency". In the last year, the effort of banning books in some areas of the country has been so pervasive that school libraries have been decimated and student access to thousands of works of literature, coming-of-age novel, scientific journals and even a few dictionaries has been curtailed.

This cannot happen in Oregon,