



**February 15, 2024**

**Senate Committee on Education**

900 Court St., NE

Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: Support for SB 1583**

Chair Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing to express support for SB 1583, which would protect students' right to read, learn, and share ideas – free from censorship.

Reading is a foundational skill, critical to future learning and to exercising our democratic freedoms. Parents have the right to guide their children's reading, but parents should not be making decisions for other parents' children. Specifically, a small group of parents should not dictate what books other people's children are allowed to read.

For the reasons listed above, the City of Tigard supports SB 1583. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yi-Kang Hu  
City Council President  
City of Tigard