

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kori Wanner. I am a high school teacher and advisor for our school's LGBTQ+ club. My students and I strongly support SB 1583. We support SB 1583 because we know that it will prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books in public schools and bring needed clarity for schools and school boards to comply with the prohibition on discrimination required by ORS 659.850.

From their own personal experiences, my students know first hand the benefits of reading books that feature characters of marginalized communities and know that gaining that perspective is important for their own personal development and for their role as a global citizen. The recent increase in banned books is detrimental to students and society.

I hope that the Oregon legislature stands on the right side of history and vote in favor of SB 1583.

Sincerely,

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