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I support SB 1583. I believe that the wording of the bill is conservative enough that it will not stop schools and libraries from exercising prudence when choosing which titles to be made available to the public, and to children in particular. I think the preservation of diverse viewpoints in books is crucial to our nation's values of free speech, and that recent threats to this are threats to freedom and democracy itself. The arguments that this bill may lead to the endorsement of pedophilia are misguided. If any such endorsements were to arise, or materials from such a perspective, available tools exist to counter them. We should not endanger the presentation of valuable learning materials for the sake of such empty threats.