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On Behalf Of: Our kids in Oregon's schools
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Our family strongly opposes this bill. It seems beyond disingenuous to label it as "protecting free speech". We really would like to protect our kids from the political ideology that is being pushed by politicians into the agencies, and into our schools. This is completely being miss-reported. It has nothing to do with discrimination. School boards, who are elected by their constituents in the school district, are the best people to look out for the kids. And this bill completely goes against parents' rights. This bill allows for material to be put in schools that is NOT age appropriate, including explicit writings that are too offensive to be read in school board meetings publicly. This may have good intentions, but bad and severe consequences. And should it pass, this will further the exodus of kids leaving Oregon public schools. Parents pulling kids from Portland Public Schools has been going on for some years now. Some people seem unable to connect the dots. Should this bill pass, this will wake up a lot of parents about the egregious actions going on in our schools and with our politics. Instead, I implore you to exercise some common sense and reason here. Thank you.