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My name is Christina Buehler and I oppose SB 1583. The bill takes control and power away from the local level or our government. I reason our schools districts each have their own boards is because the education needs of the community can differ vastly. The parents that see the needs in their community being met or not should be able to elect those that can effect change at that level. This starts a slippery slope of removing that control.

Furthermore I find it incredible absurd that the heart of this bill is to make pornographic books more easily available to children. There has been a group distributing pages from pornographic books found in the middle school and elementary schools districts. Some of the secretaries have not passed these images onto you and same may have, but I think it should be made clear these are currently in the schools in Tigard, Beaverton and Portland. This is not sensationalism of what could be, this is a fact that those images are protected by this bill. Some of these books are being put in councilors offices instead of the class room as a resource and that is frankly more scary to me.

A child says they don't like their body. They are sent to the councilor for help. The councilor tells the child this is a safe space and you can tell me anything and it will remain here. The child is keeping secrets with an adult and that is normalized. The child see the books as a resource and authority figure that sex with adults perfectly fine. Now we have a child who has been taught keeping secrets and having sex with adults are both okay. Then you have child abuser who is able to easily manipulate and abuse this child. The child willing engages in this unhealthy sexual behavior with an abuser until they want to stop and then they don't know how to disengage the relationship because adults are also usually considered authority figures to children. Unhappy and unable to navigate this secret relationship the child develops depression and becomes suicidal.

This bill can more than damage and scar children, can go way deeper.