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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1583

My name is Suzanne Gallagher, I represent Parents' Rights In Education, a national organization. We are millions of voices, parents and allies standing together speaking as one. Stop messing with our kids!

Oregon SB1583 prohibits all local school boards from choosing or restricting materials used in a school when the choice is "discrimination."

My my, how that word has been twisted and turned against us. Do we discriminate against GROOMING, and harmful CHILD PORN, shown to school children, beginning in Kindergarten. You bet we do!

We know what you and Governor Tina Kotek want. You want to restrict local communities from directing the education of the children. The Oregon experiment is well known, nationwide. It's not working! Schools are failing students every day, and the cost continues to rise. The latest estimate for K-12 in Oregon now regularly exceeds a mind-boggling 1 million per year/ per classroom. A million a year, per classroom to get among the worst results in the country... one would think it would shame us in the very least... but nope...

You claim that NOT teaching all forms of sexuality, gender identity, and divisive race theories is discrimination! The proposed law prohibits your definition of "discrimination" when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books used in Oregon public schools. You have completely ignored the civil rights of parents and families, including religious preferences.

Kotek Doesn't Want Voters to Have a Say, either!
SB1583 declares an emergency. That means, once passed, and signed by Governor Kotek, voters cannot override the law by initiative. Just another TRICK to stop citizens from defending their rights!

You WANT To Cut Parents Out! We know it, and so do you. We know Governor Kotek IS the state Superintendent of Public Instruction. She appoints the Director of the Oregon Department of Education, and all 7 Board Members.

Kotek's goal is to NEUTER the local school board, preventing them from listening to citizens, unless they agree with the AGENDA. The state legislature and Department of Education will have complete control over K-12 Public Education. Eventually, there will be no need for a local school board of puppets. That's the AGENDA.

Tina Kotek is eliminating parent choice. That's just wrong and unconstitutional! Parental Rights to direct the education of their children, have been upheld 5 times by the US Supreme Court. Parents' Rights In Education will hold you to it!

I am calling on all parents and allies nationwide to stand against GROOMING, and harmful CHILD PORN, shown to school children, beginning in Kindergarten, and against the AGENDA to take over public schools at the local level, eliminating parental rights.

SB1583 is a draconian attempt to force local districts to use any and all materials the state wants, NOT what the community chooses.

Suzanne Gallagher, March 5, 2024