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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: SB1583

Greetings Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 1583, to prohibit book bans in public schools and institutions. There is no instance of a book or idea that I would support banning, There are many terrible and hurtful ideas out there that I do not support, however, not at the price of silencing thinkers and writers. Our founders were wise when they established freedom of speech and press. Our democracy is better for the debate of ideas, all ideas, even those I don't agree with. I want our learners, of every age and circumstance to see themselves in the books and educational materials they find in our libraries and classrooms. Book bans have no place in Oregon, or these United States of America.

Thank you for your consideration.

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