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On Behalf Of:  
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Greetings Committee Members,

I am writing in support of SB 1583 to prohibit book bans in public institutions. I do not believe that there is ever any instance in which limiting, prohibiting, or obscuring information in books in public schools or institutions that would ever be justified. The only good that can ever come out of obscuring information from public consumption is the bliss of ignorance. It is essential that we promote a culture of diversity in our schools, and provide as many resources as we can to support growth and learning. If we allow ourselves to dictate what people can and cannot learn we will never progress as a society. Freedom of expression, freedom of press, and freedom of ideas plays an absolutely crucial role in the unique development of individuals in our society. I fear that if we start to limit what people can and cannot learn the problems that could arise in society outnumber the positive outcomes of continuing to allow people the freedom to read what they choose. Instead of regressing backwards and relying on actions of the past, we should be moving forwards and finding different solutions to our problems. Please consider this testimony as I cannot stress my urgency enough.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
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