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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB1583

I am for SB 1583 which would outlaw discriminatory Book Bans in Schools. We need to ensure that all Oregon students have access to books that speak to them about their lives and their experiences.

I also want our representatives to stand up and support freedoms that we need - freedom to express ideas in books and speech. This includes ideas that I may not agree. This is how democracy stays alive and vital - when we can put diverse ideas and writing out in full view. Students also need to see themselves reflected in the world. We send them to school to teach them to think critically. Do not allow book bans that take that opportunity away. You will make their lives and world smaller when we do this. Pass SB 1583.