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I am a mental health professional, business owner, parent, and voter. Censorship is against Oregon values. Please support SB1098. Uphold free speech, critical thinking, and diversity of ideas by fervently denying the banning of books in our public schools. In recent years, Oregon faced the most challenges to school and library books in our state's history — with targeted books often written by or about people of color, women, and LGBTQ+ people. We must stop discriminatory book bans, and other forms of censorship, in Oregon public schools. This includes discrimination based on race, national origin, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical or mental disability, military status, or marital or family status.