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I am writing in support of SB 1098, which prohibits discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials, or library books used in our public schools. As the mother of two high school students and a teacher-librarian, I am grateful for the access our children and teens have to diverse ideas and perspectives within Oregon's classrooms and libraries. These library and instructional materials are carefully selected by educators and teacher-librarians in adherence with school district policies and procedures. This bill also includes guidance and support to schools from the Oregon Department of Education to ensure compliance with the prohibition on discrimination as required by ORS 659.850.

Oregon's students deserve the freedom to read and see themselves reflected in instructional and library materials. Individual families always have the right to determine what they are comfortable with their own children reading. Please support SB 1098.

Respectfully,
Jenny Takeda