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I wholeheartedly support this bill. We need to stop the use of book bans by small groups of extremists in their attempt to erase and silence the voices, lived experiences, and histories of our most marginalized communities. The value of free speech includes the right to read the views of diverse authors. This bill does not take away parent's rights to oversee what their children read. It does allow parents to give their children access to diverse representation in materials and history taught in the school setting and that is a very valuable right that this bill preserves.