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I am a high school social studies teacher and I support SB 1098. I serve students from a wide variety of racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, as well as students from the LGBTQ+ community. I understand from experience how important it is for all students to see people like themselves represented in the curriculum.

Including diverse perspectives is not only a more accurate way to teach history, it also tells vulnerable students that they belong in our classrooms and our society at large. That is why we need to protect diverse instructional materials from frivolous challenges and book bans.

A major purpose of education is to expose students to points of view that they may not encounter in their daily lives. We need to expand students' worldviews, not shrink them. That is why I support SB 1098.