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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098

Chair Frederick, Co-Chair Weber, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of SB 1098.

I believe that presenting a broad variety of materials and perspectives is a foundational tenant of library and education work.

This bill provides clear language to prevent discrimination and a method for challenge and removal of materials. This guidance at the state level will help to bring a minimum standard to policies across the state.

These are critical backstops to prevent rampant book challenges/bans that are sweeping the country. Oregon has not been spared these events and given the current situation having protections in place to continue to allow libraries to serve ALL patrons be able to see themselves, experience the lives of others and gain deeper understanding of alternative perspectives is vital.

I would urge this committee to consider a minor amendment to line 25 on page 3 - instead of "men and women" use the word people.

Again - I am urging a vote of support for this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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