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SB1098

I am writing in support of SB 1098, a bill supporting the rights of educators, students, and parents. Educators, including classroom teachers and librarians, carefully select and purchase high-quality, high-interest material to meet the needs of all students, while also supporting the wide-range of curriculum needs in elementary and secondary schools. SB 1098 supports the professionalism of educators and librarians. It also supports the Right to Read of all students. Students have a right to high-quality materials that support their learning and experiences. When we limit their access and rights, we're also limiting the rights of families to make decisions for their children while supporting discriminatory practices. I currently have the choice to decide for my children, and this bill supports that same choice. Having access to a wide range of information, literature, and experiences does not force upon anyone an agenda, but it does support the inherent freedom of our American democracy.