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I was raised with academics and reading my entire life, and if there's one thing that I cherish about my upbringing it is that I got to read of my own volition. I am a student currently enrolled in college. With all the studying I have done, I have found one crucial thing; the library is the friend of students everywhere in and out of the classroom. By definition it is a public repository of information, and thus we should not restrict it menially or lightly because a book can save a person's very life. Through books, I found I was not alone in my identity, that there were people who understood themselves. Those perspectives helped me understand things about myself. I would've fallen into despair over an identity crisis if I hadn't read a select few books that I believe would be up to be banned if this bill were not approved. Students are often young and developing and in a place to where libraries are a main source of information about the world, and to ban books is to ensure that students have a skewed set of data on life. This is not academic and this is not free. I support this legislation.