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I am a parent of a child in Oregon public schools, as well as a librarian, and I support SB1098.

Discriminatory censorship has no place in our schools. All students deserve access to books written by and about Black, Indigenous, and people of color and LGBTQ+ people as part of their education. As a parent, I have seen firsthand the importance of books, and especially diverse books, in allowing my child to explore their world.

SB1098 still allows parents to request book removals, still allows schools to remove inappropriate books, and still allows school library staff to select books that are age appropriate for students. They just can't discriminate while they do so. This is a commonsense bill, and I encourage the committee to support this bill and move it forward.