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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098

Dear Senator,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill 1098 and to urge you to take a stand against any efforts to ban books in Oregon. This bill is crucial in protecting the right to free expression and ensuring that all individuals have access to diverse viewpoints and ideas, especially in our schools and libraries.

As a concerned citizen, I believe that book bans stifle intellectual freedom and limit the opportunities for young people to engage with a wide range of perspectives. In Oregon, we have always valued our commitment to free speech, and it is vital that we continue to protect the right of students and community members to access books that reflect a variety of experiences, cultures, and viewpoints.

Opposing book bans is not just about defending literature; it's about safeguarding the fundamental values that make Oregon a place of opportunity and inclusion. We should encourage, rather than suppress, critical thinking and diverse learning experiences.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 1098 and work to ensure that Oregon remains a place where knowledge and creativity can thrive without the fear of censorship. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,
Maria Celino