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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098

My name is Carol Moorehead and I live in Sisters, Oregon. I am writing to urge you to support Senate Bill 1098, which will prohibit discrimination based on the race, religion, ability, country of origin, sexuality, or gender of the individuals featured in the content of educational and library materials in K-12 public schools in Oregon. Democracy is undermined when oppressive minority groups force their own preferences and judgments on communities by pressuring government entities to take books off library shelves and ideas out of public classrooms because the minority doesn't approve of its content. It also undermines our democracy when these groups pressure the government to censor the stories of people and communities who have been historically disenfranchised and marginalized. All students deserve to see themselves represented in the books, materials and classrooms they learn from and to learn about diverse communities and people. Please vote Yea for SB 1098. Thank you.