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On Behalf Of: My Children and Grandchildren
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The questioning of educational material is not discrimination. It is the right and responsibility of every Parent to oversee the educational material of their children. This bill is misleading and a total misrepresentation of any form of discrimination. It is an absolute NO and a violation of Parental Rights.

I have had three children go through the Public Schools system during the 1990's to 2011. It is a disgrace that the schools have fallen drastically since the time they attended. In the attempt to strive for greater excellence the School Boards and Educators have failed the parents and the students. The students' test scores have plummeted to the lowest in the nation, the childrens greatest ally is the parent and now you want to silence them even more.

I fear for my grandchildren who are in grade school and still entering the school system. Their parents monitor everything that is given to their children and volunteer so they can be an asset to the learning environment. Parents and Teachers are partners in the education of our children. School Boards and Parents are supposed to be partners in creating a safe and beneficial curriculum for our children. The Parents have every right to be a part of determining the level of decency in the books and materials used in the classroom or the library. Parents are never to be cut out of this process!

I urge you again to vote NO on SB1098.