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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098

My name is Tara Morissette from Portland Oregon. Please support senate bill 1098.

This bill is a common sense, values-based bill that will protect students in our state from discriminatory book bans and censorship in our public schools.

Parents have the right to decide what their children can read. They don't have a right to determine what your or my children can read.

With school book bans increasing, schools need support navigating these challenges in their communities. This bill will help.

All students deserve to see themselves represented in books. When books about historically-disenfranchised groups – including Black, Indigenous, and people of color and LGBTQ+ people – are banned in libraries and schools, this signals that discrimination, exclusion, and othering of youth and students with these identities is acceptable.

Please support senate bill 1098.

Thank you,
Tara Morissette