

To: The Senate Committee on Education
From: Elaine Woods
Re: SB 1098

Chair Frederick, Vice Chair Weber and Members of the Committee,

I strongly oppose SB 1098, not because I discriminate or am prejudiced against any group of people. I simply want children to learn with age appropriate materials for reading enjoyment and for learning about the world and life around them.

Parents have the right to determine what is best for their children, and their values and perspectives should be respected. School Boards have the responsibility to choose curriculum and materials that are accurate and promote learning at each level of the child's development. They should each work together respectfully, unhindered by needless regulation and the influence of people with an agenda that divides and is not in the best interest of the students.

I also oppose this bill because it was brought forth with short notice, knowing that parents and those who care about our children would oppose it. This was disrespectful and unfair.

I urge you to vote NO on SB 1098.

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