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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098

I strongly support SB1098 and urge Senators and staff to do what is necessary to move it forward. I trust professional librarians to do their jobs. As a parent, I learned early on that, when my children came home with books or lesson plans that I thought was too mature for them, it became a conduit for conversation at home and allowed me to help my child navigate the information. After all, children will be exposed to many things before we parents think it's appropriate, by their classmates, friends, and our digital world.

Further, I welcome texts and other instructional materials that will adequately address the roles in and contributions to the economic, political and social development of Oregon and the US by people who are Native American, of European, African, Asian, Pacific Island, Chicano, Latino, Middle Eastern or Jewish descent, have disabilities; are immigrants or refugees; or are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

I also encourage the process of implementing a formal process for complaint and consideration of the complaint by the school district. I encourage, however, that the school district be required to formally and publicly consult with a person whose profession is meaningfully pertinent to the topic of the book.

Thank you.