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I am writing in support of SB 1098, which prohibits discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials, or library books used in our public schools. Censorship is against Oregon values. I am an educator who has taught writing and literature to all ages and I see the importance of honoring free speech, materials for critical thinking and an environment of inclusiveness that allows for all voices to be heard whether in speech or writing. To belong to a community, school, state, country, or planet, means to see oneself in others. If we narrow that, we lose a lot, especially opportunities for aspiring students to realize their dreams. It is important that students, young and old, have free access to all. Let's not forget that individual families have the right to determine what they are comfortable with their own children reading. Please support SB 1098.

In gratitude,  
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