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We are a family of readers and all of us began at an early age. I have a read books that I found offensive and would never purchase or recommend to others just as I avoid listening to people I find offensive. However I respect the right of people to speak freely and to publish their works. I think the banning of books is a first step on one of the many paths that lead to tyranny. As a parent, I edited some of the reading I did with my children, but I would never prevent them from chosing and reading any book that caught their interest. I fear we are on the brink of tyranny now and Oregonians have to defend our freedoms. This bill serves that purpose.