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I am an elementary school teacher with over a decade of experience in the classroom and I strongly support this bill. As teachers, we serve a diverse population of students and our materials & resources should reflect that. When children can see themselves and their experience in books, it makes them feel less alone. Book bans often target texts that bring to light issues of gender identity, racism, abuse, complicated family relationships, etc. further alienating children who are having these experiences.