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Senators, I support SB 1098 which prohibits discrimination when selecting or retaining school library materials, textbooks or instructional materials. Our democracy is weakened when a minority force their preferences and their fears on the majority. When a small group of parents feel the need to protect their children from ideas by banning books from a library, they deprive other families from acquainting their children with those ideas. To consider an idea is part of how we grow as humans. We should not fear ideas. Banning books limits a child's growth. The power to deprive a community from access to ideas is not consistent with our democratic principles. Please support SB 1098