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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1098, a measure that will prevent discrimination in materials selection in our public schools.

Professional librarians and educators are trained to develop collections using a holistic approach. Collection development is a highly skilled process that involves research and evaluation to maintain a selection of materials that represents our beautiful, diverse world. This bill affirms these professionals' expertise and provides them with important support from the Department of Education.

SB 1098 also lays out a clear pathway for school districts to navigate book challenges, creating consistency across the state.

This bill does not subvert a parent's right to make decisions regarding their child's reading; rather, it ensures that a parent cannot make decisions regarding what others' children read.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 1098.

Thank you,
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