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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098

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House Committee on Education

RE: Support for SB 1098

4/23/25

Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the committee,

My name is Kieran from Bend Senior High School in Bend Oregon.

I am writing to urge you to support SB 1098, which will prohibit discrimination based on the race,

religion, ability, country of origin, sexuality, or gender of the individuals featured in the content of

educational and library materials in K-12 public schools in Oregon.

In Oregon, we have seen countless efforts to ban books that feature

LGBTQIA2S+, Black

people, Indigenous people and other people of color and restrict

access for students to understand the positive contributions of individuals of marginalized

identities who have contributed to our society. This bill creates a statewide standard ensuring freedom of information both to users of that information, as well as providers of

that information, for example librarians and educators. It also ensures students have access to accurate and representative information about their histories, communities and selves.

SB 1098 protects student's right to see themselves represented in the books, materials and

classrooms they learn from and to learn about diverse communities and people.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my story today. We urge you to vote YES to support

and advance SB 1098.