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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1098  
RE: 2025 SB 1098

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

I strongly urge the committee to vote NO on this bill. My opposition stems from the critical need to maintain age-appropriate educational materials in our public schools and to respect the rights of parents in guiding their children's exposure to sensitive content. As a former educational assistant in the Title program at a 4J middle school, I was disturbed to see books containing obscene and sexually explicit content in our school's library. SB 1098, as written, would prohibit schools from removing certain books, even if their content is developmentally inappropriate for children.

This bill would not just prohibit good books from being banned, it prohibits inappropriate books from being removed. If a book can not be read or viewed in a public hearing meeting, it should not be available to children in our libraries.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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