

February 12, 2018

Senate Education Committee
State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Roblan and Members of the Senate Education Committee;

I am writing today in support of SB 1513.

I believe the data is irrefutable, students graduating from Oregon schools unfortunately do not have a grasp of basic civics about how our government works and who we are as a nation. Study after study has demonstrated this fact.

Students as they become adults should be expected to have a basic understanding of the principles upon which this nation was founded, they deserve to be armed with that information in their adult lives as they vote for representatives who will make critical decisions about the future of our nation, our state and our communities.

This bill is an important first step for both our state and nation to ensure every student is equipped with that knowledge.

I support this bill because this isn't a democratic or republican idea, this is an American idea that is widely supported and addresses a critical challenge facing our state.

Please vote yes on SB 1513 to create a common basic understanding about the facts of our republic - please let's work together to solve this challenge and equip our next generation of Oregon students so they become active, engaged and responsible citizens.

Thank you so much for your services.

Respectfully,

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