

Dear Senator Wagner, members of the Senate Education Committee, and Oregon Senators:

I am writing to add my support for passage of SB 664, which would require all school districts in Oregon to provide Holocaust and genocide instruction.

My experience in leading student groups at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education is that engaging students on this subject makes an impression in the most positive way possible. History, yes, but students clearly begin to recognize the relevance it has to our democratic values and how the lessons of this history apply today and in the future.

Passing and implementing this bill would enhance the ability of our education system to provide Oregon students with the tools and understanding they need to become responsible citizens. Without question, that is an objective that all of us should unequivocally support.

Sincerely,
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