

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

I support the passage of SB 664, which would require all Oregon school districts to teach about the Holocaust and genocide. For more than 15 years, I have worked with Oregon middle and high school students to teach about the Holocaust. The issues that underpin the Holocaust continue to be a challenge in current times. I have seen first hand the impact that Holocaust education has on students, when they learn about the effects of discrimination and prejudice. This teaching cannot rest with a few speakers and the occasional opportunity for exposure to this topic. It needs to be presented in a systematic way through a school curriculum. The teaching is important not only from a historical perspective, but also in helping students be aware of how these lessons apply to their own lives, and to the future.

Thank you for your consideration and passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

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