

Dear Senators,

I am writing in support of SB 664, the Holocaust and Genocide Education Bill. I am a member of the Never Again Coalition, a grassroots Portland organization that works to address issues of genocide and crimes against humanity in several areas around the world. I believe that it is vital that young people today have an understanding of how genocides have happened in the past. We see them happening today in places like Burma/Myanmar (against the Rohingya), and in Darfur and other areas of Sudan. If students are educated about how groups in the past became marginalized, scapegoated, and finally discriminated against, ending with the extreme situation of genocide, these future leaders can be much more effective in preventing these atrocities. Knowledge is power; ignorance is dangerous. I urge your support of this very important bill, so that our young Oregonians can lead us all into a world where genocide is a thing of the past.

Sincerely,
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