

February 19, 2019,

Dear Senator Wagner and other members of the Senate Education Committee, sponsors of SB 664, and the Oregon Legislature:

Subject: Testimony for Public Hearing on Senate Bill 664, February 20, 2019

I strongly support Senate Bill 664 as written, and agree with the testimony of Jill Ann Slansky on it.

I do *not* believe that discussion of genocide in any way trivializes education about the Holocaust. I am certain that Raphaël Lemkin, who created the word “genocide” would agree with its inclusion in this context. The Bill itself provides reasons why this is true.

Thank you for your work to broaden instruction in Oregon public schools in these important areas.

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