

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

I support Holocaust and Genocide education in all Oregon Schools and support SB 664 that would require school districts in Oregon to provide Holocaust and Genocide instruction.

"Since it has been shown that majority of students, or people in general, when polled, know nothing or very little about the Holocaust or other genocides - or much less - the ramifications of an uneducated society;

and since we know the similarities between personal acts of bigotry, discrimination, stereotyping and prejudices and how these actions/perspectives/attitudes are similar if not the same that led to the ultimate political murdering of over 12 million people in the Holocaust and other genocides;

it seems obvious that Oregon mandate for teaching the lessons from the Holocaust and other genocides can only insure that we have taken our step here in Oregon to enlighten our students - which may, and more proving, yield to increased just thoughts and behaviors in our students and teachers moving forward."

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