

Testimony for Oregon Senate Bill 664
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Daughter-in-law for the past 37 years).

Elected Officials, Ladies and Gentlemen, LGBTQ Community and
ALL Others,

My name is Elaine Wiener, and I am Alter Wiener's daughter-in-law. I'm sorry that we (Alter's son Martin, myself and his grand and great grandchildren) were unable to attend today's historical vote, as this was so important to Alter (a Holocaust Survivor, author, mentor and true eyewitness) of the atrocities that the Nazis put him personally through, during World War II. Regardless of the torture and physical as well as emotional damage that the Nazis and their Allies and supporters caused him, Alter wanted to try ensure that modern day History not be forgotten, and educating our youth was the Primary Source and tool. The Bill that you are voting on today has and other states such as New Jersey, who have ratified an approved curriculum would be more than willing to share their knowledge with you, the kind people of Oregon, and possibly the 12th state of these great 50 United States of America.

Alter lived his retired years, here in Oregon, and was Reborn here, in order to be a "MESSENGER AND Beacon of Hope" for those that were murdered and perished due to the ideology of Sick MADMEN. As a Primary Source and voice for the millions that were exterminated during the Holocaust: Jews, Clergy, Gypsies, Homosexuals, etc., and the Hate that emanated in Eastern Europe during World War II, TOLERANCE, PEACE, LOVE, RESPECT and FORGIVENESS RESONATES THE MESSAGE that Alter taught through his eyewitness account. Alter gave

nearly 1,000 speeches in: churches, prisons, libraries and primarily schools and Universities. His goal was to target the youth of today to ensure that this heinous crime against humanity, NEVER happen again, through education and action. As a major proponent of your vote on SB664, Alter's primary goal in life was education and the creation of this Senate Bill. With the help of Claire Sarnowski, age 15, his protege, they outlined ways to combat : Bullying, Deniers of the Holocaust, Anti Semitism and ALL ACTS of Prejudices, and the organized education that is currently lacking in the Oregon School system. Voting YES to SB664, and making this great state of Oregon the 12th State will be a means to disseminate the Bullies, Holocaust Deniers, AntiSemites, and Bigots of ALL Hatreds. Your School Districts should be the worldwide example that RESPECT replaces DISRESPECT of people who are different than the general populous.

The fact that an act of Anti Semitism permeated into the Lake Oswego campus just a few weeks ago, should dictate the need for a factual account of: the Holocaust, Genocides such as Darfur, Sexual Gender preferences and ALL forms of Baseless Hatred, eradicated. Oregon can be the Knights in Shining Armor, and an example of a state that promotes the good and wholesome virtues and morals that have slowly disappeared and instead fueled the fires of for such modern historical devastating events that have even taken place in schools, such as school shootings.

I implore you to consider the INTENSE Responsibility that we have to educate our youth, while we have the opportunity. Alter Wiener, a Holocaust Survivor, lived to see this bill passed, but due to his untimely death, he is not physically here today. I believe that he is here posthumously and is watching for the

outcome of his mission here. He chose to educate here in Oregon where he was 1 of 20 remaining Holocaust Survivors, and not live here in NY, near his family, where he would've been 1 of hundreds, that could recant their devastation.

It's just a matter of time until there won't be anymore eyewitnesses of WWII and the atrocities that Hitler ensued, on millions, due to their aging progression. Please vote YES to SB664 and ensure that we REMEMBER, NEVER AGAIN!

Thank you for your time!