

Good morning and Happy Thursday,

Due to unforeseen circumstances our family was not able to make it to the hearing yesterday to show our support for Senate bill 664 to mandate holocaust and genocide education in public schools.

We are children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of holocaust survivors who were rescued by brave families and helped rescue others in the underground. There are many very important reasons to teach genocide education, but we'd like to shine a light on teaching our children and the generations to come a lesson in courage and the power of one person to change the world by standing up against evil regardless of how popular it is.

If it wasn't for the acts of kindness and bravery of regular people who didn't have political influence or a lot of money we wouldn't be here today. We want to remember that part of genocide and teach Oregon's children and all children that no matter how big or small, how rich or poor, how politically influential, they have the power to stand up for what is right and not just save the world but be the world for generations to come.

Thank you,

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