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To the Senate Education Committee

We offer the following testimony in support of SB 683:

Unfortunately, many of us have studied Oregon and U.S. history in our K-12 educations without learning of the continuous racism that has existed in our society, or its effects. Just as our political system and our economy have not been broadly inclusive, our curriculum in history has not always been inclusive of some of the facts that are essential to understanding it.

We urge that all our country's history should be taught, including the good, the bad and the ugly, without being sanitized. Understanding our history gives us the tools to be more thoughtful and knowledgeable citizens.

SB 683 is an important opportunity to rectify an unfortunate gap in our state's K-12 curriculum.

Respectfully,

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