

Dear fellow State Representatives and Legislators:

I come before you today to OPPOSE SB 683 in its entirety. The passage of this bill would be detrimental to our educational system and the future of our children. This bill pushes us back to the Dark Ages. We can not allow this political propoganda to be indoctrinated into our children's minds and allow them to grow up knowing that "a person of a different color is supreme and your is bad."

As a person of color, this bill is a step backward from unification, indoctrinating hate, and segregation on a political playing field. Just think of how this will effect students and their way of life and how schools will be if this bill passes. There will be segregated seating areas introduced, segregated restrooms, and segregated water fountains.

There are 2 quotes that come to mind from the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Segregation...not only harms one physically but injures one spiritually...It scars the soul...It is a system which forever stares the segregated in the face, saying 'You are less than...' 'You are not equal to...'"

"One day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed...that all men are created equal."

With that, I strongly OPPOSE and ask that a vote of NO would be in the best interests of the State of Oregon and it's future.

All the best,

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