



PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 1521

Dear Senators,

I am writing you on behalf of more than 12,000 Oregonians, that are political activists at Free Oregon, Inc., who are fed up with government overreach and elected officials that continue to pass laws in conflict with democracy. SB 1521 is yet another such bill.

SB 1521 is an absolutely senseless bill. Given that the ODE runs one of the worst performing public school systems in the nation, why would it make any sense to give MORE POWER to the state over local school districts?

This is obviously a response to the Newberg School District who fired their superintendent for insubordination after refusing to enforce the board action removing political (Marxist) symbols from the classrooms.

Considering that the school board members were democratically elected to remove this political indoctrination from their public school district, there must be no other way to interpret SB 1521 as an anti-democratic attempt to block tax payers from influencing the public education they pay for.

We **STRONGLY URGE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THE PROGRESS** of SB1521. This is a terrible bill that is immoral, in conflict with the state's constitution (no cause state), is anti-democratic and provides more power to a government agency (Oregon Department of Education) that is completely failing our kids.

Sincerely,

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