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I strongly support SB 1583. It is crucially important that students have access to materials that -- as stated in the language of the bill -- adequately address the roles in and contributions to the economic, political and social development of Oregon and the United States by people who are Native American; of European, African, Asian, Pacific Island, Chicano, Latino, Middle Eastern or Jewish descent; have disabilities; are immigrants or refugees; or are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. For far too long, contributions by individuals who fall into one or more of the above groups have not been adequately addressed.

Students deserve to learn both the inspiring and the horrifying aspects of the history of Oregon and the United States.

Students deserve to learn about their own ancestors, and about the ancestors of others in their communities.

Protecting the rights of Oregon students to learn accurate history will help ensure a better future for Oregon.