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I support Senate Bill 1583 because it appears to be protecting textbooks and instructional materials the way we have anti-discrimination laws in the workplace. Should there appear to be discrimination happening, this bill will enable a pathway to get the situation remedied.

Children need to get a holistic education and that includes perspective from other walks of life. This will enable children to grow into better humans by giving them safe exposure to complex human situations. This will enable students who fit into these categories of potential discrimination to connect with the reading material, identify with the perspective, and provide an opportunity to share with their peers in a safe, respectful environment.

To maximize potential, children need exposure to content they resonate with and content that gives them perspectives they may have not considered before. They need to feel included and have consideration for others. Reading a person's story is the closest way to walking a day in their life.

Thank you for your consideration,

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