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As a cis het white person with a close LGBTQ+ family member and many LGBTQ+ friends and friends of color, I want my children and their friends to learn accurate history. I want them to see people like themselves portrayed in history textbooks. I want them to have access to library materials that show them perspectives from all kinds of people. This bill will prevent book banners from coming in and choosing what my child reads and doesn't read.

As a librarian, I believe Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop's philosophy of providing windows, mirrors and sliding glass doors for students. Why should only cis het white kids see themselves represented? Many children, especially LGBTQ+ children, rely on accurate information and support from their public schools. This bill would allow that to keep happening. And it might even open the minds of other children whose parents would prefer they not be "exposed" to accurate history and children and families different from their own.

I want to thank my District Senator Aaron Woods for co-sponsoring the bill with all of the other Senators who introduced and sponsored it.