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On Behalf Of:  
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I am a cataloger for Oregon Trail Library District in rural Oregon and I have friends whose jobs as educators have been threatened by both parents and administrators as a result of materials they have selected for classrooms and libraries that tell the stories of the minority groups outlined in SB 1583.

For the following reasons, I support Emily O'Neal from the Oregon Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee's submission advancing the urgently needed SB 1583.

- I am supporting SB 1583. It will prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books in public schools and I hope that you will vote to support the bill when it comes up for a vote (in committee/on the floor).
- SB1583 brings needed clarity to help schools and school boards comply with the prohibition on discrimination required by ORS 659.850.
- The US is experiencing an explosion of attempts to censor library and curriculum materials in our public schools, and Oregon is no exception.
- Many of these attempts are blatant in their opposition to LGBTQ+ materials. These censorship attempts intend to limit the materials available to Oregon students based solely on the constitutionally protected viewpoints of those materials. I believe SB 1583 will help prevent these book bans and removal attempts.
- As a cataloging librarian, I know it is important for students to see themselves reflected in their community. I believe it is critical to carefully select books, magazines, educational videos and experiences that reflect my student populations in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.
- I want to make sure that important educational texts and materials are available to those students who need them.

Please pass SB 1583 with the proposed amendment from the Oregon Library Association.