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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1583

As a parent of three children, I am writing in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1583. I do not believe that books should be banned. I understand that some parents are concerned with what their children are reading, and that is fine - for their children. They have no right to deny my children access to books - period. Books should remain available to all.

As a former City Councilor, I understand the power of government. It is the duty of our elected officials to care of the needs of ALL of its citizens, not just those that are the loudest. The vocal minority of those who wish to ban books have an agenda to discriminate against those in our community who have faced discrimination their entire lives. Our neighbors in the LGBTQ+ and POC community are specifically being targeted as part of these attempts to ban books. We must ensure that our children see themselves reflected in art, to know that they are loved, supported, and understood.

Please pass SB1583.

Thank you for your consideration,

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