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Many books are banned for simply including LGBTQ characters. There are plenty of legitimate reasons to ban books in schools, such as explicit sexual content. This bill does not remove that option. It simply makes it so that you cannot ban a book for featuring a protected class. And anyone saying that featuring an LGBTQ character is featuring sexual content is simply wrong. Being gay is no more inherently sexual than being straight. Being trans is no more inherently sexual than being a cis man or woman. We are all humans and deserved to be treated as such, which includes telling our stories. Yes, even to children.