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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1583

Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing in support of SB 1543. While the Oregon Constitution has strong protections for groups that often suffer discrimination and harassment, I believe that this bill is needed to make it clear that efforts by sometimes well-meaning parents to restrict access to books and other educational materials in schools is not legal. Parents already have the rights and protections to keep their children from materials that concern them. I think it is very important to protect the rights of parents who appreciate the efforts of the educational system to expose kids to diverse ideas and alternative ways of seeing the world. We will have a more tolerant society and a stronger democracy when we have laws that clearly state a commitment to anti-discrimination and diverse ideas. This bill moves Oregon in this direction. Thank you making a commitment to a stronger and more tolerant society by supporting this bill.

Sincerely,
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