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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1583

Senator Dembrow and committee members,
It is a terrifying period in our country's history when right wing activists are calling for the elimination of books they disagree with like the Nazi book burnings before WWII. As you know, these groups are targeting public and school libraries across the country demanding the removal of books on LGBTQ+, political, racial and historical subjects with which they disagree. To maintain the freedom of speech and other rights that are protected in our bill of rights and constitution, we must create guardrails against these attacks on our freedom of speech and belief. In school boards and libraries across the state, these right wing groups are proposing the equivalent of burning books by taking them out of distribution to the children and adults of Oregon. Senator Fredericks bill SB 1583 is a reasonable approach to preventing right wing censorship of the free expression of ideas in our state. Please vote YES on SB 1583
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