Submitter: Darby Collins

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB1583

Dear Senate Committee on Education,

I am in total support of SB1583. It will prevent discrimination when selecting textbooks, instructional materials, program materials or library books in public schools.

Please support the bill when it comes up for a vote in committee.

SB1583 brings needed clarity to help schools and school boards comply with the prohibition on discrimination required by ORS 659.850.

The U.S. is experiencing an explosion of attempts to censor library and curriculum materials in our public schools, and Oregon is no exception. Book bans are wrong and SB1583 will go a long way in helping to stop that and removal attempts.

It is important the we make sure that important educational texts and materials are available to any student who needs it.

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

Sincerely,

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