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This bill does not prohibit a school board from rejecting a textbook or other printed material. There is no loss of local control by this bill. School boards are still free to choose and reject textbooks and other materials for legitimate reasons.

What this bill does is ensure that books cannot be arbitrarily removed because someone in the community does not want anyone's children to read the material. I support each parent making those decisions for the good of THEIR family, but not for mine. I want my children to be exposed to all the different types of individuals, groups and activities present in our society.

I urge you to support passage of this important bill that gives all students the opportunity to learn about themselves as well as others who are different.

Thank you.