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I am writing to express support for SB1583. As an early childhood educator, a woman, and a mother to biracial children I believe we must actively support diverse identities in literature within public schools. The promotion of intellectual freedom, inclusion (beyond "tolerance"), and social progress requires access to a diverse offering of materials. Every child within our schools deserves the right to feel welcome, included, and represented. Parents and families are entitled to educating their children on the morals and values important to them, and with that right comes the responsibility that they monitor and discuss those important topics with their children within their homes. Intentionally removing (banning) or preventing the purchase of books based on discrimination does not bolster parental rights, it hinders them. With that in mind I urge this committee to support SB1583.