

I am writing today in support of SB1583. I am an advocate for an individual having the right to restrict what their own children read but firmly believe they do not have the right to restrict what books are available to other people. This means that school districts should have the freedom to acquire materials without external limitations.

In my experience, the best way to fight ignorance is to read things that make you uncomfortable. This strengthens an individual's sense of empathy and allows us to make informed decisions. By reading diverse literature, we are able to view the world through the eyes of someone not exactly like us, making it more difficult to hold on to stereotypes.

Thank you for your consideration.