

I am firmly in favor of the passage of **SB1583**. Oregon is known for its commitment to its citizenry in terms of basic rights such as health care and education. Core to the State's commitment is to protect individual's right to information and expression. On the State of Oregon's website it states: *"Protected class means a group of people protected by law from unlawful discrimination on the basis of a shared characteristic, such as race, gender, disability, or perception of that characteristic. It is the policy of the State of Oregon that unlawful discrimination on the basis of Oregon's protected classes is a matter of state concern, and that such discrimination threatens individual rights and privileges and menaces the institutions and foundations of a free democratic state."*

SB1583 upholds the basic notion of Oregon's protected class and prevents material biases and censorship on defined protected classes. This Bill protects our citizenry without taking away any individual parental or guardianship rights and safeguards institutions against targeted threats and campaigns. It is a win-win.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

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