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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB1583

I am writing this letter in support of SB 1583, which is designed to address discrimination in the selection of educational resources such as textbooks, instructional materials, program materials, and library books in public schools. I strongly encourage you to support this bill when it is presented for consideration, either in committee or on the floor.

There is a troubling surge across the United States in attempts to censor library and curriculum materials within our public school systems, and Oregon is not exempt from this trend. Many of these censorship efforts are aimed specifically at LGBTQ+ materials.

I firmly believe that SB 1583 will play a crucial role in preventing these efforts to ban and remove books, thereby safeguarding the educational resources available to students in Oregon.

Please pass SB 1583.