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On Behalf of:

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Measure: SB1583

I am in strong support of SB1583 as a parent, librarian, and Oregonian. Our teachers, school libraries, and school boards need the support this bill offers. The explicit clarity this bill offers against discrimination of protected classes is necessary for our schools today.

SB1583 adds a layer of protection for schools, teachers, administrators and volunteer board members from discriminatory challenges to materials.

Our children deserve to see themselves reflected in the literature in schools and school libraries, and they deserve to see the experiences of others reflected in the literature too. We have seen how the viewpoints of protected classes, especially those of race, gender identity, and sexual orientation, are often neglected, pushed aside, or completely ignored. This bill would protect the right of all parents and guardians for their children to have access to the spectrum of human experience at their school.

Please vote for SB1583.