

Letter for public testimony in favor of SB 1583

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As an LMT, I see high levels of need every day for access to LGBTQ+ books. These students are struggling to figure out who they are under circumstances which are already difficult. You all remember middle school.

Every day I hear students using gay slurs. Every day I see students trying to understand their gender and sexuality. Every day, students mess with our LGBTQ+ displays by hiding or adding books. When 6th graders come to us from elementary school, they're stunned to finally find LGBTQ+ nonfiction, fiction and graphic novel titles which speak to their needs.

I'm a straight white woman and I see myself and my experiences reflected everywhere. Do we really want students to grow up not seeing themselves or the people around them welcomed as a normal part of society?

Students don't need any more barriers to education. Please vote to continue giving students access to life saving books.

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