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The wave of book banning in public schools must be stopped. No censorship of age-appropriate books in public schools! Public education in a democracy has the responsibility for educating students to think for themselves and to participate actively in the political process for the good of all American citizens not just those whose religious views seek to ban ideas, discussion, and education they object to. American is bigger than this; it must be bigger than this if we are to have a public education system that respects every individual regardless of race, age, gender, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identification, etc. Oregon has an opportunity to lead the way in protecting the basic rights and freedoms of every American citizen of every age. Please do the right thing. Protect academic freedom and human rights! Thank you.