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Thanks for the chance to once again express support for this fine pro-family legislative proposal from Sen. Frederick. I am confident that the members of the house committee, like their colleagues in the senate before them, will move this bill forward to the governor's desk and beyond where, as law, it will support the intellectual and emotional development of the people of the state. Why do I say "pro-family" when the opponents insist that theirs is the pro-family stance? I say it because families have a broad array of interests, needs and aspirations which can only be met by a broad array of materials available in their school and public libraries. Curtailing availability means disempowering those families whose interests/needs/aspirations don't happen to align with... well, with whatever someone (Big Brother?) decides is acceptable. Surely the way to the good society, the one that optimizes the contributions of all its members, is the way of government all it can to meet the needs and support the success of as many people - as many families - as possible. As an author, a grandmother, a teacher and a citizen, I urge you to support SB 1098.