

Subject: Urgent - Tell lawmakers to support student access to read and learn, free from discriminatory censorship!

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CALL TO ACTION

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**Protect Oregon students from hateful,
discriminatory book bans and censorship –**

**TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS TO
VOTE YES FOR SB 1583**



ACLU Supporter –

I am asking for your urgent support of Senate Bill (SB) 1583 – a commonsense, values-based bill to curb discriminatory book bans and censorship in Oregon's public schools.

A fringe group with an extremist agenda has riled up their base, and they've already submitted written testimony opposing SB 1583.

[We need you to take action today.](#)

Alarming, a vocal but small number of people with extreme views are pushing for

book bans in Oregon and across the country. The vast majority of material that is challenged features people of color or women as authors or characters, information about racism and slavery, LGBTQ+ identities and experiences, and sex-related education.

Most Oregonians and parents trust librarians and teachers to provide age-appropriate materials in libraries and classrooms.

We know that our democracy and youth benefit greatly from having access to the histories, viewpoints, and ideas of diverse people and communities. We also know that it is welcoming and affirming – even life-saving – for young people to see their identities and lived experiences reflected in books and other learning materials.

Here's how you can take action and support SB 1583:

1. [Fill out this form to send a message to your lawmakers and submit written testimony.](#) It only takes a few minutes! Or, you can [submit your written testimony to the legislature directly.](#) *The deadline for submitting written testimony is Thursday, February 15, 3 p.m.*
2. [Sign up to provide verbal testimony in-person in Salem or virtually](#) on Tuesday, February 13, 3 p.m.

Please make sure to fight back for our democracy and youth by submitting testimony supporting SB 1583 – [tell the legislature that Oregon stands against discriminatory book bans and censorship.](#)

Thank you for taking action with us to create a more just, equitable, and caring Oregon.

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