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House Bill HB 5726– “The Freedom to Read Bill”

To the House Committee,

My name is Michael Felix. I am a youth leader at ARISE and I support the bill Senate S 0238. The reason why you should pass the Freedom to Read Bill is because books provide a ton of history behind their culture. There are people that probably struggle identifying themselves and struggle knowing about their culture. Therefore, erasing it will make them clueless forever.

Banning books completely ignores the freedom of speech amendment because everyone should have the right to access information that is helpful to people’s culture. Banning books just comes to show that there are books that expose and talk about the true history behind people’s culture instead of believing little white lies.

I ask you to support Senate S 0238 because I am in my freshman year of high school and I want to be able to walk up to a librarian and ask if they could give me a book that talks about the way I look and my history without them being arrested or in trouble.

Thank you,

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