The Honorable Assemblyman Muratsuchi Chair, Assembly Education Committee Legislative Office Building 1020 N Street Room 159 Sacramento, CA 95814



RE: Assembly Bill 1078 (Removing Instructional Materials And Curriculum: Diversity) As Introduced March 30, 2023 – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblyman Muratsuchi:

Moms for Liberty is an organization working to see to it that children and parents are well served by California's education system. We write today in opposition to Assembly Bill 1078.

AB 1078, entitled **Instructional Materials: Removing Instructional Materials And Curriculum: Diversifty**, represents an affront to parents and concerned citizens throughout the state of California by striping away local control of public schools (where the control belongs), placing that control instead into the hands of the state. Should this bill pass, local school boards (elected by the people) would no longer have final jurisdiction over challenged materials, and parents would no longer have a direct way of objecting to obscene or pornographic books within their districts..

Simply put, AB 1078 is an egregious power grab by the State of California. In addition to infringing on a long-standing rule of having *local, community-based* control of public schools, it introduces a new and completely unnecessary level of bureaucracy which will eventually leave elected school board members with no authority whatsoever. The bill effectively eliminates local control over curriculum and school library materials in more than 900 school districts throughout our state.

- It would force every local school board to get permission from the California State Board of Education *prior* to removing inappropriate books and publications from school libraries.
- It would take away a school board's ability to remove inappropriate/undesirable instructional materials from a school's curriculum without first obtaining permission from the State Board.

Both of these run counter to proper local control of our public school system.

Moms for Liberty stands as an advocate of local control of California schools. We believe strongly in pushing management of our schools down to the lowest level of governent possible. Only in this way can California residents be assured that their public education system is running well within their communities.

We urge a **no** vote on AB 1078.

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