

Dear [NAME],

I am [writing to/calling you] in protest of the book bans sweeping across the U.S. These bans erase history and representation in literature.

Overwhelmingly these stories are written by and about BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ authors. While defenders of such bans claim that these stories are banned for their sexual or “political” content, we do not see books such as *The Bible* (which contains explicit depictions of disease, violence, and more) or “classics” by Shakespeare, Jane Austen, or F. Scott Fitzgerald being banned (all of whom write about forms of violence).

I want to share how one book in particular that is being challenged influenced me. [INSERT DESCRIPTION HERE] By banning a story like this, society erases other readers’ chances of growing in the way I have.

I urge you to join me in the fight against such bans. Speak out and invest in our librarians, libraries, and schools. Share how books have shaped you and put more budget into diversifying the stories our students read.

Signed,

[NAME

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EMAIL ADDRESS/ADDRESS]