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Hello, my name is Asher Knutson. When I was in high school I sued Milwaukee Public schools for the right to form a Christian group on campus and won. this was in 1995. now in 2023 I am fighting again for students to form infinity groups to meet on campus and for students to celebrate who they are and find their people. We need groups of friends that look like us. by banning pride celebrations we are only telling an already vurnable poplulation they are not good enough for freedoms every other student has. Kids need to see teachers and people in power who look like them and support them to thrive. did you not have a mentor who told you you can be more? why take this away from our LGBTQIA+ Students? let them be who they are. Let them have equal access to celebrate who they are. let them have equal access to freedom.