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Testimony on HB 1205 2023

House Bill #1205 interferes with the leading purpose of public libraries. Public Libraries are meant to provide books on all subjects for all people. We don't know why some people choose to read books that have sexually explicit photos, it could be for certain educational purposes. Taking these books away from the readers due to the pictures the book involves is simply wrong. As someone who is around teenagers and minors every day, I can assure you that there is not much that they haven't seen online. If people are so concerned about minors finding an explicit photo in a book or other reading articles, providing an 18+ section in a library could be a simple solution. I also am a strong believer that photography is a form of art. Saying that nude photographs don't fit in this theme of art just because the photographs are 'explicit' doesn't make sense. What makes nude photos in one art medium okay but not in others?