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Opposition to HB 1205

I am writing in opposition to HB 1205. As a librarian, teacher, parent, and citizen of North Dakota, this bill does not stand for what we are as North Dakotans. This bill puts an end to the First Amendment in our State and is only the beginning to the demoralizing effects of our rights.

This bill also contains language that is broad and corrupt for libraries and library staff across our state. This bill contains misinformation about libraries and our collections. As librarians, we go to great lengths to provide inclusion for all our patrons. It is not our responsibility as librarians nor is it yours to censor materials to our citizens and take away their first amendment rights.

I urge you to take a close look at this bill and understand the ramifications it will cause not only to libraries but to the staff and the citizens of North Dakota and do everything in your power to oppose HB 1205.