

Testimony in opposition to HB1205

This is a country that is founded on and very proud of our freedom of speech, with that strong pillar, I find it hard to believe that the state wants to ban books. One of the most important avenues of freedom of speech is books. They bring ideas that can be discussed. They can help people in similar situations not feel so alone. They are educational and are an enjoyment. In our society of social media and instant access to all sorts of illicit material, we should not ban access to sources of credible knowledge at the school and public libraries. We should not make our librarians afraid to do their work. We should not be afraid of books. We should not leave our children unable to safely look for information or experiences they are searching for.