

Testimony in opposition of HB 1205

Relating to prohibiting public libraries from maintaining explicit sexual material; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide for application.

Senate Judiciary Committee March 13, 2023

Senator Larson and committee members. My name is Stephen McDonough. I am providing testimony in opposition to HB1205.

I am a board certified pediatrician who worked in North Dakota for forty years, from 1980 to 2020 and continue to reside in Bismarck.

This bill is not needed as North Dakota libraries are currently doing an excellent job and providing appropriate books in their collections.

The North Dakota Legislature should not be imposing state sponsored censorship on our residents. HB 1205 needs to be defeated.

Stephen McDonough MD