

March 13, 2023

Dear Chair Larson and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on HB 1205. As a mother, an educator, a person of color, and a life-long resident of North Dakota, I can speak to the importance of library materials for all children. When children see themselves and their interests reflected in the media, the positive effects are endless. Diversity is key to our understanding of our place in the world. My children were able to participate in story times, poetry contests, lego club meetings, and find materials that complemented their unique interests. Without the wonderful variety the library offers, our children would be subject to the Christian, whitewashed, heteronormative agenda perpetuated by many conservative members of our legislature. HB 1205 serves to push an discriminatory agenda that hurts all our children.

Sincerely,
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