

I write in strong opposition to HB 1205.

I have lived in ND almost my entire life; I am recently retired from a professional career, and raised two children in this state. I believe in limited government and the strength of the family. I am not, nor ever have been, officially affiliated with any library. I believe in economic growth for this state.

For these reasons I oppose HB 1205. It thrusts the arm of government where it does not belong. Its undefinable terms attempt to legislate morality and take the place of true parenting. This censorship bill would put this state on a very slippery slope and send an unwelcoming message to potential newcomers.

If a citizen is upset about a book in their local library, they may contact the librarian and the library board, write a letter to the editor, campaign against the book on social media, etc. There are many routes for one to pursue if they are upset about a book. Do NOT attempt to legislate the solution.

Thank you.

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