

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

As a North Dakota resident, I strongly oppose SB 2307. This bill threatens access to books and ideas by promoting censorship and placing unfair and undue pressure on North Dakota librarians.

The vague language in this bill could lead to the removal of books that offer important educational and cultural value. Our public libraries already have processes in place to address concerns about materials, making this bill unnecessary.

I'm especially concerned that SB 2307 could criminalize librarians simply for doing their jobs. Creating this kind of fear in our communities only limits access to information.

Censorship has no place in our public libraries. While censorship bills may claim to protect youth, they create a dangerous slippery slope that limits access to valuable information, restricts diverse perspectives, and undermines the ability of families to guide their own children's learning.

I ask you to vote NO on SB 2307.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our communities.

Sincerely,
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