

North Dakota Senators,

I urge a DO NOT PASS on senate bill 2360. There are already protocols in place in our local libraries and bookstores across the state to prohibit young people from seeing reading materials beyond their age appropriateness. I have frequented the libraries and bookstores in my local community, and have never once had any issues with inappropriate materials for myself as a young woman or for my two young children. This is the direct result of certain subgroups being paranoid and feeling out of control in their parenting due to the immense amount of technologies available to our young people. We have a subgroup in my area called "Moms for Liberty" that started a book review process at our local school district. We should acknowledge that local government already exists to deal with these very small issues. The 22+ books on their list were checked out an average of 4-5 times over the entire duration of these particular books shelf life, which for some was over 5 years. Our libraries and bookstores are not the issue. Our young people have devices readily available to them that they can search whatever they want on. This bill is an overreach of government and is a poor use of legislative time and resources. We have bigger issues in the state of ND to overcome.

Respectfully,

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