

Dear Honorable Members of the North Dakota senate,

My name is Lilly Funk, and I live in Minot, North Dakota. I am a federal employee at Head Start (as an assistant teacher). The purpose of this written testimony is to persuade members of the North Dakota senate to support SB 2360.

I am in support of this bill because it protects children from obscene images and videos. Pornographic images and videos profoundly influence the human brain. Since the brain is so easily rewired (through consistent messages), children who see obscene images/videos from such a young age become desensitized to them. This negatively affects them later in their lives.

Research shows that pornographic material negatively influences relationships, self-esteem, and mental health (amongst many other issues it causes). Children must be shielded from this material, and this bill would be a step in maintaining children's preservation from the devastating effects of pornography.

Thank you for considering making the right decision to pass this bill.

Lilly Funk