

RE: SB 2360

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express strong opposition to SB 2360 and urge you to please recommend a DO NOT PASS.

SB 2360 is redundant with existing CIPA regulations and will impose unnecessary and time consuming requirements that take educators away from more important tasks. Indeed, it potentially criminalizes the act of education.

Further, the censorship imposed by SB 2360 amounts to a violation of First Amendment rights. The language used in SB 2360 is vague and may result in highly subjective and destructive choices.

I have spent the last 19 years raising my family in North Dakota. All four of my children have attended public schools in our community and visited our public library nearly every week – sometimes more often. At no point in time have I felt concerned about my children being exposed to any of the materials in a public school or library. Nor do I believe that it is a legislative responsibility to determine which materials exist in these spaces, or to override parental responsibility.

I urge you, DO NOT PASS SB 2360.

Thank you for your consideration.

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