

SB 2360 - Do Not Pass

Good morning. My name is Wendy Wendt and as a North Dakota citizen, a mother, a lifelong learner, and a library director, I am asking you to vote "Do not pass" on SB 2123.

First, it is unconstitutional and violates our citizens' 1st Amendment Rights.

Second, this bill is redundant and unnecessary. There are already policies, blocks and filters in place for internet use in libraries and schools, as required by Federal law.

Third, this bill is overly-broad and will have numerous unintended impacts on the information rights of North Dakota citizens of all ages, as well as huge monetary repercussions for libraries trying to implement the potential law. While the intention of the bill may be good, the implementation is unfeasible.

Not only does this proposed bill limit children's and teen's access to information, it limits adult access to materials that adults have the right to access. Children have access to the entire library therefore this bill affects every area of the library. It takes away my freedom to read and view and it takes away your right. Needlessly.

And, importantly, it takes away the rights of parents to raise their children and make decisions as each parent sees fit. Each parent has the right to choose what their children have access to, including books, television, computers, food, friends, and everything else. They do not have the right to choose what other children – or adults – may read or access.

Please remember that freedom is no freedom if it is accorded only to the accepted and the inoffensive. I adamantly urge you to **vote 'Do Not Pass' on SB 2360** for my freedom and yours.

Respectfully,

Wendy Wendt