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Chairman Larson and the Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed changes presented in SB 2360.

Public Schools and Public Libraries that receive federal funding are already required to under the Children Internet Protection Act (CIPA) to have the filters in place on their school and/or library devices. This act was enacted in 2000 to address concerns with rules issued in 2001 and updates in 2011. The protection measures must block or filter Internet access to pictures that are: (a) obscene; (b) child pornography; or (c) harmful to minors (for computers that are accessed by minors). Schools and libraries subject to CIPA are required to adopt and implement an Internet safety policy addressing:

- Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet;
- The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking," and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
- Measures restricting minors' access to materials harmful to them.

Schools and libraries must certify they are in compliance with CIPA before they can receive E-rate funding.

- CIPA does not apply to schools and libraries receiving discounts only for telecommunications service only;
- An authorized person may disable the blocking or filtering measure during use by an adult to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.
- CIPA does not require the tracking of Internet use by minors or adults.  
(<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/childrens-internet-protection-act>)

With this Act, many schools and libraries have internet policies already in place including acceptable use policies. I firmly believe that children need to learn to navigate online databases and evaluate resources to prepare for success later in life.



Likewise, many of the other changes have been addressed at the federal level multiple times. I urge you to consider voting against the proposed changes and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kerriane Boetcher". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

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