



Senator Diane Larson, Chair
Senate House Judiciary Committee

Dear Senator Larson:

The Fargo Public Library Board and Administration oppose Senate Bill No. 2360 due to the broad language making up the legislation that is in direct conflict with the first amendment and is punitive towards libraries.

The Fargo Public Library Board apposes censorship in any form regardless of the motivations of the censor. The Fargo Public Library Board affirms the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read declaration.

It is essential that Senate Bill No. 2360 be prevented from being made law in order for libraries in North Dakota to continue to do their first amendment duties for the communities they serve. We urge Senate members to do their constitutional duty and prevent North Dakota from becoming a state that censors its public libraries.

Sincerely,

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