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Senate Judiciary Committee Testimony

in Support of SB2360

Chairwoman Diane Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am Vicki Grafing. Today, I am testifying in support of SB2360.

Children in North Dakota have a right to innocence. And we, as reasonable adults, have a duty to protect that right. Currently, the libraries in North Dakota are not safe for our children. That is not hyperbole, it is fact. I have purchased books and studied those books, reading them cover to cover so I had the first hand knowledge of that which I speak. Have any of you on this committee sat with just one of these books; books that so many communities across North Dakota are fighting to restrict from our children's hands? If you haven't, I would encourage you to look through one. Thoroughly. Look at the pictures, read the content. You need to know why you're voting. You need to feel the disgust that I and so many other mothers and fathers feel when they read the books in the libraries that are available to our kids and grandkids. Since you're possibly at a disadvantage and haven't had the opportunity or maybe just haven't taken the time to really look at a book, I'll add a few bullet points of content from a couple of the books in North Dakota Libraries. They're cartoon books called Graphic Novels. They target YA, which in many cases are 12-18. Some libraries have stated 14-18. But honestly, pornography and obscenity aren't acceptable for any minor.

- *"Virginity is a silly label...Virginity just doesn't work anymore in today's world." Pg. 18*
- *"Friends with benefits, Hookups, Fling...focusing on the more sexual side of things." Pg. 34*
- *"Chat it out before you pound it out!" pg. 36*
- *Advising Anal Sex—"The opening is chock-full of sensitive nerves, making it a primo erogenous zone for touching and penetrating." The page shows a male anus since we can see the scrotum and penis in the picture. Pg. 82*
- *Digital Insertion pictures and instruction with "Things to Try" on the page. Pg. 117*
- *Full Frontal Male Porn—Things to try for teen boys. Complete with obscene pictures. Pg. 118*
- *Instructions for Anal Insertion—"And don't forget—everybody's got a butt! After the train has left the station [so to speak] and you've had a chance to wash up or douche back there, you can have an assload of fun with a healthy heaping of lube...Dive deeper with your finger or butt plug!" Of course, complete with pictures of anus, fingers, and butt plug! Pg. 119*
- *HPV and Herpes NO BIGGIE! Those are the exact words on page 133. I guess now we understand why North Dakota is the state where STI and STD growth is most egregious and takes first place in regard to the biggest rates and spread per 100,000 individuals. Does that make us "Legendary"? Pretty disgusting if you ask me. And nothing to be legendary about. If you don't think that the sexualization of our children that has become out of control, isn't driving those numbers and that new status we have for ND—then you're either complicit or ignorant.*
- *Teaches sexting dialog and promotes it's practice as well as sending photos on pages 149-150. This puts every child at risk. Human trafficking is real! Sextortion is real! And this book promoting these activities puts our children in harms way.*
- ***KINKS, FANTASIES, and PORN**—That's literally the name of the chapter! Do you AGREE with out children being taught ANY OF THIS FILTH?! Pg 155*

- *Safe Words for Teens?!!! What? They actually are teaching SAFE WORDS. Which means they're advocating for having violent enough sex to NEED a safe word?! In what world is THIS OK?? Pg. 161*
- *The INTERNET IS SAFE! The exact words on page 164. Do you agree? Is the internet safe? Because this book, Let's Talk About It, says it's a great place to research fantasies and kinks safely!! Ya, I guess until some predator decides to come and grab you! You're safe until then I suppose. I'll bet none of you knew this was in books in our libraries? And this is just a teenie, TINY, tip of the iceberg. I'd be glad to share a lot more with you.*
- *ORAL SEX PORN! This is the page that states, "There's nothing wrong with enjoying some porn, it's a fun sugary treat!" I guess all of those pesky statistics about porn and addiction or porn and criminals, or maybe even porn and human trafficking, are just a drag huh? Don't listen to the rehab centers that talk about porn having a co addiction with drugs. Don't take into account the men in prison that all have said a deep spiral into porn spun them out of control on the "outs". It's just a fun sugary treat. No consequences! Or at least that's what this book is peddling to our kids. Pg. 165*

Do you still believe we don't need your help in this matter? You will hear in other submitted testimony there is no need for this legislation because of CIPA. They tout there is already "filtering" ordered from this Act from 2000. Either they're ignorant or purposefully misleading you all. CIPA is the Children's INTERNET Protection Act of 2000. In this Act, **CIPA imposes certain requirements on schools or libraries that receive discounts for Internet access or internal connections through the E-rate program.**

[The Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\)](#) and the [Neighborhood Internet Protection Act \(NCIPA\)](#) went into effect on April 20, 2001. These laws place restrictions on the use of funding that is available through the Library Services and Technology Act, Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and on the Universal Service discount program known as the E-rate (Public Law 106-554). **These restrictions take the form of requirements for Internet safety policies and technology which blocks or filters certain material from being accessed through the Internet.** The deadline for complying with NCIPA was July 1, 2002 for those libraries receiving 2002 E-rate discounts for Internet access or internal connections. The deadline for compliance with CIPA was July 1, 2004, following the Supreme Court ruling in 2003.

[The Children's Internet Protection Act \(CIPA\) | Advocacy, Legislation & Issues \(ala.org\)](#)

As highlighted above and taken from the ALA website, this act was specifically to FILTER the internet in libraries. This does NOT deal with digital downloads or PRINT. Please don't let these submissions mislead you into thinking it's taken care of, because it's not.

Notice the deadlines changed from July 2002 to July 2004. Do you wonder why? Let me enlighten you so you understand what we all are dealing with. The American Library Association decided to litigate and fight this Act. Can you believe that? Why? It was an act put in place to protect children. Not adults. CHILDREN. But that wasn't ok for them. They needed children to be able to access pornography and obscenity online. And that's not an inflammatory remark. Explain why they would fight such an act otherwise? So, in 2003 the SCOTUS did hand down a decision in US vs ALA.

In *United States v. American Library Association*, 539 U.S. 194 (2003), the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), finding that the act does not violate a library patron's First Amendment rights.

CIPA requires libraries to install filtering technology on computers.

That's from [United States v. American Library Association | The First Amendment Encyclopedia \(mtsu.edu\)](#)

Please understand that CIPA has nothing to do with obscenity and pornography in PRINT. Don't be fooled by their statement that it does. However, I can say I'm thankful they brought it up in their testimonies so we can all clearly see their agenda has been around for at least 23 years. They desired to sexualize our children then, and they continue to sexualize them today. The ALA hands down their "request for reconsideration" policy to continue to peddle and promote pornography. Why? Why is it allowed? I agree with AG Jeff Landry in his "Protecting Innocence" Report he released on February 7th, 2023. He stated, "This is not a political issue, this is about giving parents and officials the tools they requested to protect Louisiana's [I'll agree for North Dakota's] children from sexually explicit material that is inappropriate for their age." He continued, "I think that when you talk to parents, irrespective of their lifestyles, they certainly expect that there is an innocence to being a child. And that we just don't want children to be able to walk into a library and stumble across things that are not age-appropriate for them."

The American Library Association has shown in their actions for over 20 years that they do not care about the innocence of our children. Let's stop saying they do. Let's stop believing they do. All of the beautiful memories I have from my public library or my school library, did not come from the ALA. Those beautiful memories are being erased because of the ALA. This radical organization with an agenda to sexualize our children, has taken our libraries hostage. We wouldn't have to be dealing with this at the state level if the massive defunding of the ALA at the federal level would have happened in 2019 as was proposed. It is the poison in our libraries and it is my hope that one day we may be free from this organization. It's very possible. Look up Campbell County and Gillette Wyoming. They severed ties with the ALA and took their library back. They are the Flagship Library for America. We can do the same. One day! Until then, I ask that you support this extremely important bill for the sake of all of the innocent children of North Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,