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To the Senate of North Dakota,

I write to you IN SUPPORT of SB 2360.

As a school teacher and principal for 30 years, and now as a pastor, I am very concerned. Forces of harm for children have been working through libraries to undercut minors' morality, and they must be stopped. At the website dragstoryhour.org, an organization that uses libraries and other venues to pervert children, they make clear what their mission is: "DSH captures the imagination and play of the gender fluidity of childhood and gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models." There are many examples around the country of rogue teachers, and sometimes whole schools or districts that promote indecency, and we cannot let librarians or teachers who have an agenda that subverts common moral standards in ND, especially the ones of parents whose children must be protected in libraries and schools. Our children should not be subject to any kind of electronic media, either, that ruins their innocence, including being able to check out books in an e-edition which promote indecency, which is an end around that some librarians may use if they can't put immoral paper books in children's hands.

Public libraries and K-12 libraries will often say that they follow guidelines from the American Library Association (and public school educators often follow the aggressively leftist indoctrination encouraged by the NEA, etc. that includes sexualizing students and exposing them to indecency). But this is sadly a very aggressively leftist organization that recently voted as president a woman who describes herself as a Marxist lesbian. In an americanfaith.com April 26, 2022, article, the following quotes from her, along with other information, are culled: Emily Drabinski, president-elect of the ALA, has written: "In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where everyone can be their authentic selves!" Drabinski's 2013 article "Queering the Catalog" is the work that has gotten the most citations of anything she has written. In it, she remarks that "the first program of ALA's Task Force on Gay Liberation was called Sex and the Single Cataloger, a session about the trouble with headings for gay and lesbian materials." One of her main professional "accomplishments" includes "queering the landscape of library publishing and scholarship." She elsewhere declared: "We can equip our students with the capacity to wring what they need out of library structures, and wringing what you need out of systems that exclude you is a necessary life skill for survival and revolution." "And we can also help build a way of shaping students as agents of change both inside the library and out." She writes: "Queerness includes the subversion of those kinds of normal family types."

The article sums up the danger of Drabinski and other irresponsible shapers of our children: "Marxists are committed to overthrowing the West, including all of its organizing ideas and accomplishments. In addition to lies and deception, Marxists use sexual chaos as a deliberate strategy of cultural destruction. The 'queer theory' in which Drabinski specializes openly aims to

destroy the West by destroying the natural family, natural sex, natural relationships between the sexes and the children those sexes produce only heterosexually, natural distinctions, natural hierarchies, and order itself."

SB2360 has mechanisms for keeping educators and librarians accountable to moral standards and ways to penalize those who break the law, and even worse, hurt children. For too long, some educators and librarians have flouted community standards and have promoted a dangerous agenda. A law with teeth will help to dissuade any teacher or librarian from flouting community standards, helping keep our children safe from that minority of teachers and librarians who might otherwise be emboldened to push a morally bankrupt agenda for kids.

Recently, the Valley City library board had by slim margins been upholding the appropriateness of the book Let's Talk About It to be in a youth section of the library, basically where junior high students and older went, though sometimes better and more precocious readers among elementary students. They claimed it was very appropriate, with one board member saying it would have been a good book for her to have had at that age. However, just a couple weeks ago, after going through the extra hoops they require to get the book discussed in a public hearing, citizens both for and against the book testified. As for my four minutes allowed, I focused on the objectionable parts of the book, which were many, as regards minors being influenced. I said (and I will quote the majority of what I said, while adding a little extra I didn't have time to say): I ask that you take the book Let's Talk About It out of its current location for the following reasons: *This book is inappropriately focused on minors... *Kids with backpacks and lockers. *Teen mentioned on the front cover. *Comic book style *But it should only be available for adults in the library. *Inappropriate for minors to be introduced to: *P. 16 Being tied up with ropes and dangled from the ceiling (for sexual gratification). *p. 17 Rimming—Do we really want junior and senior high students to be encouraged to lick and penetrate someone's anus with their tongue and risk getting bacterial and parasitic infections or STI's that way? *p. 18 Virginity is called a silly label, basically impossible to be because supposedly everyone has had sex in some way—forget about being a virgin—just do what feels right—bad advice. Aleister Crowley, the famous Satanist said, "Do what thou wilt." The author of the Book of Judges explained what the spiritual problem was in that time in Israel's history—"Everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). *(34, 91) Polyamory, swinging, and hookups are presented as normal things to do and worth trying if kids wanted to. *(112) You can't have sex in any satisfying way unless you are already masturbating, so if you aren't masturbating, then start. *(115, 118) And get a sex toy and a butt plug to aid in masturbating. *(114) Experimenting with others sexually is super normal. *(133-134) STI's really aren't a big deal, so don't fret-just go to the doctor (but, know that your parents might find out through their insurance—found elsewhere in the book). *And by the way, where are parents in this whole presentation? I saw "Mom" mentioned once in this book in an off-handed way. But the internet and teachers and doctors and counselors are mentioned as trusted sources to consult—but not parents. Why are parents left out of this book? This is a very common tactic with those who want to subvert the morals of our children. *(151) You are lucky if someone sends you a sext.

Sexting is exciting. It does thankfully warn minors not to, but are minors' brains fully developed to understand the repercussions, or are they just going to focus on the so-called "exciting" and "lucky" aspects of sexting? So many children's bodies are disseminated electronically against their will, no matter what the laws are. *(164) Children are counseled to look at the internet to study kinky sexual behaviors. Find communities and reach out to them for advice on how to engage in kink and fetish. *But who is going to protect these minors from adults in these communities, who take advantage of their naivete and might end up raping them, kidnapping them into sex slavery, or even killing them? Find a community? *(164-165) Children are told that porn is a fun, sugary treat? It's a way to learn about kink and fetish? Many psychologists and researchers have sounded the alarm for decades now that pornography has a terrible effect on kids. Dr. Victor Cline wrote: "As a clinical psychologist, I have treated, over many years, approximately 300 sex addicts, sex offenders, or other individuals (96% male) with sexual illnesses. This includes many types of unwanted compulsive sexual acting out plus such things as child molestation, voyeurism, sadomasochism, fetishism, and rape. With only several exceptions, pornography has been a major or minor contributor or facilitator in the acquisition of their deviation or sexual addiction..." And the American Bar Association says via a webpage: "Pornography promotes negative attitudes and aggression toward women, normalizes sexual harm, and negatively affects the ability to have healthy intimate relationships." There are many aggressive indoctrinators who are undermining the morals of children and grooming them to adopt their own unnatural lifestyles.

Please pass SB 2360 to protect minors from obscenity in public libraries, school libraries, and school classrooms, including in electronic forms.

Respectfully submitted,

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