Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

As a citizen of North Dakota, I am writing this testimony to communicate my opposition to SB2360. This bill is unnecessary because under the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), public schools that receive federal funding are required to have filters in place on school/library devices. There are many public libraries in North Dakota that also have filters in place because of requirements under CIPA and E-Rate. Furthermore, schools and many public libraries already have internet policies in place, which include acceptable use policies. Because the wording of this bill is so broad, it could restrict access to educational resources such as healthcare training materials.

This bill also seeks to change the legal definition of obscenity. Miller v. California, which is the standard for defining and measuring obscenity has been in place for 50 years and is upheld by the Supreme Court. If this bill which changes the legal definition of obscenity passes, the litigation that would follow would result in waste of state monies (as well as time), that could be better spent helping the citizens of North Dakota.

I urge you to please vote DO NOT PASS on SB 2360.

Sincerely,

Sara Westall, North Dakota Citizen