

Members of the Senate judiciary committee.

My name is Sharlet Mohr and I reside in District 23. I am asking that you please render a do pass on SB 2360.

I've never been a fan of Banned Book of the Week Club. I've personally never been a fan of banning anything for that matter. But I am however thankful that they started banning books like Dr. Suez and Winnie the Poo.

Let me tell you why.

It brought light to darkness.

Because banning innocent children's books brought attention to a subject, I honestly never paid much attention too.

To be honest I was never much of a book reader, but this new fad of banning and burning books made me want to know why this was happening in this country I love.

The same country so many people have fought and died for, to defend.

But one day I had a conversation with my granddaughter. I asked her how her day was at school. I asked what she learned. She said "Grandma, I just wish I could read second grader books." I said, "why sweetie.?" Because it's all happy books.

It broke my heart.

So, I started to look into the books thinking, she's 10 it's just her point of view. Maybe she just didn't like this book. Nope!

How did we become a country so many people flee?

To be honest, I still don't enjoy reading, but I owed it to her to look deeper. I purchased several books off the list of books on a book looks app. Which frankly I wouldn't have known even existed if it wasn't for a few amazing women that cared enough about our youth to investigate their kid's curriculum.

I purchased books to listen to. I work a full-time job, so I don't have the time to sit down and read a book. What I heard on those books were eye opening to state it mildly. I felt sick. I started talking to the community about these books. They didn't believe me. They couldn't believe what was on the shelves in these school libraries.

So, I regrouped, and brought evidence. Started going to school board meetings. Thinking if there is a problem or concern, with school material, that was where I needed to be. I wanted to question why these books were in the schools. At no avail, here I am. Writing and standing in front of my elected officials hoping it has more of an impact than it did at my local school board meeting, which for the record refused to add this subject to the agenda. It's good enough for our kids to read, but you can go to jail in this country for reading this material out loud.

There is no educational value in these books. All they taught me was how to declare I'm gay, how to commit suicide, how to swear, give a blow job, and how important it was to lose my virginity.

There all just words, right? Nah, words are one of the most valuable tools to destroy a society. Just ask Hitler. Or just ask one of the talking heads on Capitol Hill.

Freedom, it's such an illusion, we as Americans take for granted. We think because we have the freedom of speech and the other constitutional rights given to us by God, we can say anything, and demand others believe what we do.

The facts are simple, I didn't get much sleep in the last two days writing this. I took a day off work to come here, hoping my words could make a positive change for my granddaughter.

Please pass SB 2360, I can't go back and change what my children had access to at school, but I can try to make a positive change for my granddaughter.

Thank you.