

Madam Chair Larson & members of the committee,

I write to you today in support of SB 2360, and urge you to recommend a DO PASS on this bill. I've always thought of North Dakota as the last best state. We have conservative values that have been instilled in us by our parents, grandparents, and those generations before us. We have morals that are deeply rooted in our Christian upbringing. And these morals and ethics are under attack! As a parent, I am the primary stakeholder in my children's best interest. I am the one who gets to decide who and what my children will be exposed to. This is not happening in our library these days. The library is supposed to be a safe place for ALL people, but that is not the case today. Several moms showed up at our local library and found over 107 different books that are pushing the LGBTQIA+ agenda. Several of them with pornographic images, and inappropriate activities that are illegal, like sexting. Books calling pornography a "sugary treat", visuals on how to use butt plugs, and statements claiming that STD's are really no big deal, should not be in the hands of our children. These books can easily be accessed by children who are not ready for this kind of content. These types of books are damaging to our children. We have addressed these issues with the library board, and the city commission, without any reasonable solution. I am not about book burning, but there is no reason they couldn't have this book in a separate area where it can only be accessed by adults 18 years old and up.

I would also like to see this bill not only limited to libraries and schools but also any publicly funded universities. I have a son who was enrolled in college at the age of 14, and these books are definitely not what I would want him to have access to.

In closing, I hope that you will do the right thing to help protect the innocence of our children in North Dakota and vote DO PASS on SB2360.

Respectfully,

Kari Roller