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Chairman Larson and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed changes presented in SB 2360.

Public schools and public libraries that receive federal funding are already required to have filters in place on their school/library devices to block or filter internet access under the Children Internet Protection Act (CIPA). This blocks or filters internet access to images that are “obscene,” child pornography, or harmful to minors. In addition, there are policies in place in these libraries that address the following:

- Access by minors to inappropriate content on the internet;
- The safety and security of minors when using email, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Unauthorized access, including “hacking,” and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal information regarding minors; and
- Measures restricting minors’ access to materials harmful to them.

Under CIPA, many schools and libraries have internet policies in place, including acceptable use policies. Libraries also have policies in place stating that library employees and board members do not act in loco parentis; it is a parent and/or guardian’s responsibility to monitor or take action on a child’s use of the internet.

Many of the changes in this bill have been addressed at the federal level multiple times for multiple years. This bill proves to be redundant and harmful to school and public libraries, which are institutions for learning, freedom, and access to information for all.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maddie Cummings".

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