



February 3, 2025

Chairman Klemin and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Andrea Placher, and I am the President of the North Dakota Library Association (NDLA). The NDLA is a professional organization that represents library employees and supporters from various types of libraries, including school, public, academic, and special libraries throughout North Dakota. Our membership is diverse and includes librarians, library staff, trustees, and friends associated with libraries of all types and sizes.

Today, I am testifying on behalf of our association in support of HB 1561. Library staff are dedicated to protecting minors from obscene content, a responsibility we take very seriously. We accomplish this through the development and implementation of policies and procedures related to internet access, computer use, collection development, and patron conduct.

As an association, we proudly advocate for libraries and the communities they serve.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Placher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Placher

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