



To The 69<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly:

The City of Fargo opposes Senate Bill 2307 for numerous reasons. The broad language of the legislation is vague and unenforceable. The language also makes North Dakota libraries vulnerable to out of state individuals and or organizations that may target particular titles and or subjects.

The legislation removes the control of library policy from local libraries and local library boards and puts it into the hands of the State's Attorney Office. This is an egregious overreach. Local control is essential for libraries to successfully serve their communities.

It is essential that Senate Bill 2307 be prevented from being made law in order for libraries in North Dakota to continue to do their first amendment duties for the communities they serve. We urge members of the legislator to do their constitutional duties and prevent North Dakota from becoming a state that censors and unduly controls its public libraries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy S. Dirks".

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