

Committee Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Karen Fay Thompson. As a ND citizen, library user, and retired public librarian, I am writing in opposition to SB 2307.

In opposition to SB 2307 for these reasons:

It is government overreach. It second guesses existing library review processes. When there are challenges, it removes control from local school boards and library boards toward county states attorneys. When citizens want *more* local control, it actually *removes* it.

Causes problems for rural libraries. Because most small-town libraries have only one or two rooms, they lack the space and funds to separate the children's and adults' sections. Because they can't do this, they will violate this law.

Limit to First Amendment right to access to information. Parents make decisions about what their children read every day in the books they check out from the library. Leave these choices to them.

I thank you for your work this session and urge you to oppose SB 2307.

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