

Dear North Dakota Senate Legislators,

I am writing in opposition of HB 2307. As I have learned even more about how this bill would work, the bill would criminalize librarians. It states Librarians could be charged with a class B misdemeanor for having mainstream books on display. Libraries have policies about book selection and shelving. Let our local librarians, who are fellow citizens, neighbors and sometimes friends, select books that reflect everyone in our community.

In addition, this bill is government overreach. The State's Attorney would be required to review complaints from individuals about materials and could decide to withhold funding as punishment for not complying. This bill calls for second guessing the library review process when there's a challenge and also ties up valuable legal resources in work that does not add value to our state or society.

Please DO NOT PASS this vague, unnecessary bill.

(My Feb SB2307 submission) Thank you for the work you do to serve our state. I am writing in opposition to SB2307 because it is vague, fraught with government over-reach, and seems to be written by people desiring to be punitive to librarians and libraries. If a bill like this were enacted, it would need taxpayer dollars to make capital expenditures to change buildings across North Dakota which could be much better used for library programs and services developed by the exceptional librarians in the state of North Dakota.

Respectfully submitted,

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