Senate Judiciary Committee March 16, 2025 SB 2307 - Testimony in Opposition

Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Garrett Bladow, and I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill 2307.

I oppose this bill because this bill aims to limit what books and resources my public library can offer to my family and my community, replaces the role of parents with the State, and restricts the free exchange of ideas and information.

Parents should be in charge of what their kids check out from the library, not the state government, nor a handful of individuals in our community. Led by a minority of people trying to force their beliefs on others that do not share those same points of view. This is persecution and a violation of human rights.

I am happy that people have access to content that may make them feel uncomfortable or challenge their world view. We should not limit these voices or shame people for wanting to expand their understanding of the world. We should embrace them.

This bill is not about freedom and liberty. This bill is about placing restrictions on ideas and information. This bill is about passing the responsibilities of parents to the State.

This bill is about censorship. Plain and simple.

I urge you to give Senate Bill 2307 a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony.