

My name is Barry Nelson, I reside in Fargo, North Dakota. I am writing in opposition to SB2307. I am married, semi-retired, the father of two and the grandfather of five, all North Dakota residents. I grew up in a family of readers, and this practice has been passed down through the generations. We all are robust users of our local library and value the great diversity of thought as demonstrated on their book shelves.

I have great respect for our professional librarians and administrators.

I believe there is a robust and effective way to make sure that appropriate materials reflecting the diversity of thought are on the shelves of our libraries.

I am adamantly opposed to a legislative body attempting to control the manner by which our libraries are managed and characterize these efforts as censorship.

We know that a healthy, robust democracy will not thrive under such censorship.

Please vote no on SB2307 and protect our rights as taxpayers and citizens.