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To the House Judiciary Committee Members—

My name is Karen Haas, I am a resident of Bismarck, North Dakota and I am writing today to urge a do not pass recommendation on SB 2307.

I believe this is an unnecessary and wasteful bill. Procedures are already in place at the libraries in the state to review inappropriate content (isn't that what HB 1205 does?). When my kids were younger and we went to the library, it was my responsibility to go over their reading choices not the state's. Now on occasion, I get to take my grandkids to the library. I go over their choices with them, again my responsibility not the state's.

You know who has always provided an assist for me? Librarians. Highly trained professionals who have the knowledge, training and standards to choose appropriate materials for their communities. I trust the librarians and I've not been disappointed. To threaten these professionals with legal action in the performance of their job is just plain wrong.

The bill throws around terms like "reasonable adults". How is reasonable defined? I don't consider this bill to be reasonable at all by my reasonable adult standards.

Thank for your time.