

Written Testimony from Officers of the Friends of the West Fargo Public Library
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In opposition of SB 2307

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

We are the officers of the Friends of the West Fargo Public Library and are writing to you in opposition of Bill 2307. The Friends of the Library consist of community members who love the library and support the library staff to make collection decisions, since we know that they are highly educated in their field.

We have several other concerns about this bill:

The passing of this bill would mean that we could no longer hold our friends of the library book sale, which would lead to a significant loss of fundraising opportunities for library programming and outreach, including the summer reading program, which encourages developing young readers to practice early literacy skills. We also know reading during the summer highly benefits children before returning to school again in the fall.

There are huge financial implications for the library, which is already underfunded and now in addition there will be losses of collections and resources to the community. These are things that the Friends of the Library have heavily supported through our volunteerism and fundraising.

Please, we urge you to oppose SB 2307! The community of West Fargo depends on our library!

Sara Westall, private citizen—On behalf of the Friends of the West Fargo Public Library board members