

My name is Dana Stansbery, I live in Casselton, North Dakota. I grew up on a farm just west of Nome, North Dakota and have been a lifelong resident of our state. I have multiple degrees and am a level one certified Library Director. I have been in education for 23 years, nine of those years as the Librarian at Central Cass Public School in Casselton. I am writing to you in opposition of SB 2307.

This bill is exactly who we are not in North Dakota. We are not the people who infringe on the rights of our citizens, we allow educated and trained professionals to do their jobs, and believe in local control. This bill does the opposite.

SB 2307 is not necessary. I, like my colleagues, have spent countless hours ensuring policies and procedures are in place to make sure our collections are appropriate. I have a reconsideration policy in place for anyone who would like a book to be reconsidered and I have collection development policies in place to ensure collections are full of engaging and appropriate material.

I love my job, the people I get to work with, the children I work for, and my own children who attend school in the district in which I am the Library Director. I pride myself in my ability to use the policies and procedures in place to create a collection that meets the needs of children in our district.

SB 2307 is not a bill for North Dakota Libraries, it will be costly, does not promote intellectual freedom, it is censorship, and it is not necessary, please stand with North Dakota Librarians and oppose SB 2307.

Respectfully,

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