

**Do Pass Testimony
of Doug Sharbono, citizen of North Dakota
on SB2307
in the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota**

Dear Chairman Klemin and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing as a citizen and believe SB2307 is much needed legislation. It is clear from previous testimony and examples shown at other hearings that porn is not only being made wholesale available to children in public libraries, but in many cases showcased to catch the attention of youthful readers. There can be no reasonable dispute in this. Anyone who claims otherwise is wasting everyone else's time with falsehoods. Because of this clear penchant to captivate and normalize young minds to the corruptions of library porn, legislation is again being presented in the form of this bill to once again remedy this most confounding trend.

This trend points to a larger issue. Why do the professional library organizations not do a better job of self-regulating to keep porn out of the hands of children? I do not have a definitive answer on this. They have actually repeatedly and illegally pushed the library porn onto the youthful public. A long-term solution is to regulate the professional library associations operating in our state so they meet societal norms and standards. Their judgement has repeatedly been in the dump and needs future assistance. The available remedy right now is to strengthen the existing laws we have so that we can better externally regulate the library industry and clean up these shelves. SB2307 does this.

The opponents have pulled out a flurry of "what-aboutism" and have said, "what about the youth's phone as a source of concern?" Many parents have installed the necessary firewalls and monitoring services to handle this concern. The opponents have also said, "what about the Bible?" I will attest that the Bible is nowhere near as graphic and vulgar as some of the library porn. In context, the Bible is the highest standard of morality, yet we find the real bookbanning to be the exclusion of the Bible in some library settings.

We need remedy to the confounding trend of library porn. Please give SB2307 a Do Pass.

Thank you,

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