

Senate Judiciary Committee  
North Dakota State Senate  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
Bismarck, ND, 58505

**RE: Opposition to SB 2307**

Honorable Chair Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to oppose SB 2307. This bill would unfairly criminalize librarians for doing their jobs and represents a dangerous overreach into parental rights and intellectual freedom.

Librarians are highly trained professionals who carefully curate collections to ensure age-appropriate materials are placed in the correct sections. They uphold community standards while fostering literacy, critical thinking, and a love of learning. This bill is rooted in misinformation and would punish those who serve our communities by making them liable for materials that undergo rigorous review.

Parents already have the right to guide their children's reading choices. SB 2307 removes that authority from families and places it in the hands of the government. This is setting a harmful precedent that threatens personal freedoms.

Furthermore, banning books will not prevent children from accessing the same materials online or elsewhere. Often without the guidance of a librarian, teacher, or parent to provide context. This bill does nothing to protect children, but it does undermine libraries as trusted community spaces where learning happens in a safe and structured environment.

I urge you to reject this unnecessary and intrusive legislation and instead stand in support of parental responsibility, intellectual freedom, and our public libraries.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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