

Senate Judiciary Committee

Hearing on SB 2307 relating to obscenity control

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DO NOT PASS SB 2307

Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Erin Laverdure. I'm a resident of the small town of Stanton, ND.

I'm writing to urge a DO NOT PASS recommendation on SB 2307. I'm a mother of two, and I have seen every reason to trust our librarians. They already do an amazing job of shepherding our young readers to age-appropriate materials. This bill is entirely unnecessary. It addresses a problem that does not exist.

This bill is government overreach and censorship, and overrides our First Amendment rights. It would impact rural communities like ours, which is fortunate to have our very own small, one-room library. Laws like this threaten its existence, as there's no way our tiny town could fund physically separate sections in that small building. This bill would criminalize librarians who would have to navigate this restrictive law; towns like ours will likely see our librarians quit rather than risk lawsuits.

Please make a DO NOT PASS recommendation on SB 2307. Trust librarians and save our small-town libraries.

Respectfully submitted,

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