

I am writing in opposition to this bill as a parent and as an educator and as a citizen. I believe any country that begins to ban and restrict literature is on a slippery slope that will be very hard to pull back from once we start going down that road.

You claim you want to limit access of obscene materials to minors. First of all, this is a subjective claim, and what obscene can mean is different to every family. Yes, there are some baseline identifiers of what may or may not be appropriate for a specific age or reading level, but that is not for the government to blanket statement make a ruling on. I do not want my taxes to go to censorship.

And where would it end? Why stop at libraries? Then it would spiral to bookstores, comic shops, retail stores.....and then into performances, theater..... It absolutely floors me that the word "ban" is even being used in 2025. You're worried about spicy material in the public library, but did you see what was on the end cap in Target last week? If you haven't read Verity, well.....

This bill violates First Amendment rights, it would be ridiculously expensive to implement, and the people of ND voted a while back and shut down a similar bill that would have limited access to literature. Please vote no.