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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to SB2307. I am a mother and grandmother, a retired high school English teacher, and the president of our local public library. In those capacities and my own interest, I have innumerable hours in libraries and with librarians.

I believe this bill is unnecessary as there are already guardrails in place to make sure that sexually explicit information is not freely available to young people. The bill will cost money and waste time that could be spent in better ways. Librarians and teachers and parents can be trusted to guide young people toward appropriate reading. Librarians and teachers are also trained to help students identify what is suitable for their interests, age, and reading level.

If access to pornographic material is the concern, and I think it should be, I believe that concern should be directed to pornographic websites. This is an area out of the control of the school faculty, and honestly, most parents. Few parents have the tech knowledge to successfully set up their children's phone to block inappropriate content.

I would love to see a law similar to the Texas law that "mandates adult users of pornographic websites verify their ages - using government identification or other personal documentation." David French wrote an article in the *New York Times* entitled "Texas Has A Point About Online Pornography," dated Jan. 12, 2025. If you have any doubts about the seriousness of online pornography or questions about the law, I suggest you read it.

Again, this bill is redundant and wasteful and if passed, will do very little if anything to protect children from sexually explicit material. Please consider focusing on the real evil to children.

Sincerely,  
Geri Beckman