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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to strongly OPPOSE SB 2307.

Frankly, SB 2307 is an insult to parents and librarians in this state. As a parent, it is my role to guide my child to what materials are age-appropriate, no one else should be able to make that choice for me or my child. Furthermore, one must ask who gets to define what is considered “explicit” or “obscene?” Will it simply be up to the whims, beliefs, and personal vendettas of an individual or group? When it comes to censorship, partisanism and neutrality rarely are involved.

I would also like to note that no government that has chosen censorship has ever been on the right side of history. The sign of a secure government is one that encourages the consumption of information, books, and knowledge; it is a sign of an insecure government that discourages and censors information, books, and knowledge. Where does North Dakota stand on this? Are we truly a state of individualism, small government, and personal responsibility, or are we a state of government control and censorship?

This bill would be a waste to taxpayer dollars, a waste to librarian time and efforts, and a waste of resources for the state.

I ask that you vote NO on SB 2307.

Thank you for your consideration,

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