

I am writing in strong opposition to SB 2307. As a parent, a library worker, and a citizen of the United States, this bill infringes upon on my rights.

As parents, my husband and I are responsible for what we allow our child to read or not to read. If he is exposed to ideas we don't agree with, it is our responsibility to help him navigate those conflicting ideas. It is not up to other parents or the state government to tell us what ideas are acceptable. I myself am not a child and do not need to be treated as one by this legislation.

As a library worker, the effect this bill will have on my workplace, and the possibility of being criminally charged for simply doing my job, will be profoundly negative. If my library needs to segregate the books, where will the funds come from to ensure we are in compliance? What about the cost of being in digital compliance for online resources? Will library workers lose their jobs? How will libraries continue to serve the public if they don't have enough workers? Is that the point? Libraries already have policies in place for challenging materials, as well as for curating collections on an age-appropriate basis. What will this bill accomplish, other than limiting access to information to people who can't afford it on their own, and instilling fear in North Dakota citizens like myself?

I have rights as a citizen of the United States, granted by the U.S. Constitution. Why do I need to keep fighting legislation like this to keep those rights?

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