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**DO NOT PASS SB 2307**

Chairwoman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write to you today to encourage a **DO NOT PASS** recommendation on **SB 2307**. School and public libraries **already have a process to review and place materials**. This bill is a repeat attempt from last year to control and **criminalize librarians** for simply doing their jobs.

Schools and public libraries also have **policies in place to ensure online safety**. The media specialists teach children about **online safety and online media literacy**. This bill only seeks to penalize (subjectively, I believe) librarians and schools for offering diverse books and materials.

I am trying to understand the necessity of this bill and how it solves a **current problem**. We know library bills are made to **attack free speech**, and subjects such as **gender identity and race**. Our schools and libraries serve a **diverse clientele** who should be able to access materials that reflect **their own culture**. We also know that libraries and schools do not offer adult materials in children's sections or any section that children have access to. **This is again a solution to a problem that is not there**. There is no good faith here.

This bill seeks to use a great deal of the **state's resources without any appropriation** to support that work. That alone should be a reason to not pass this bill.

**Censoring resources for communities** you do not like or approve of, **does nothing** to destroy those communities. It only makes the **opposition stronger**. Our state is better than censorship. Please recommend a **DO NOT PASS** on this bill.

Respectfully submitted:

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