



**SB 2307 Testimony
to the Senate Judiciary Committee
February 10, 2025**

Chair Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Stella Cantu and I am writing on behalf of the North Dakota Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

NASW-ND opposes SB 2307 for the following reasons:

- **SB 2307 is an unnecessary bill** since the ND Century Code already provides for “Obscenity Control,” especially in relation to minors, through Section 12.1-27.1 of the Code.
- **SB 2307 incorrectly assumes that librarians cannot be trusted to select appropriate materials for library users.** Public and school librarians are educated professionals who are able to understand and adhere to the ND Century Code. Public and school librarians are also professionally trained to discern the difference between obscenity/pornography and legitimate and appropriate materials, particularly materials designed for children and youth. Librarians select materials based on a collection development policy and use their expertise to select appropriate items for the communities they serve.
- **SB 2307 places undue burden on schools, libraries, legislative management, and the attorney general’s office** through requirements related to development of new policies and procedures, submission and review of compliance reports, physical relocation of library materials, reviews of alleged violations, and unclear guidance on the definition of “explicit sexual material.”

NASW-ND believes that the most successful and effective way to support student well-being is to trust public librarians, school librarians, and teachers to decide what is most appropriate for children and youth and who can then work, as necessary, with community members to maximize the choice of resources available to all library patrons.

Thank you for your review of our testimony, and we encourage the committee to give SB 2307 a **Do Not Pass** recommendation.