

Senate Judiciary Committee
February 10, 2025
SB 2307 - Testimony in Opposition

Chair Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Minou Babingui from Fargo South High School , and I am writing in opposition of Senate Bill 2307. I oppose this bill as it threatens access to important educational materials and ideas through vague and highly subjective censorship, dictating what students can read and learn.

Libraries already have age-appropriate sections, and parents should be in charge of what their kids check out from the library, not the state government or a handful of individuals in our community. The wording of the bill is broad, making books that discuss race, gender, identity, and LGBTQ+ issues targets for censorship. These books address real-life subjects that shape our society. They provide students opportunities to educate themselves, not to corrupt them.

Just because one person disagrees with these subjects doesn't mean these books should be banned or moved from the children's section. No one person should ever have the power to make that decision.

This bill is not about protecting kids; it will harm them by preventing future generations of North Dakota children from developing the critical thinking skills needed to navigate our future.

For these reasons, I urge you to give Senate Bill 2307 a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony.