

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee,

We are the board of directors of the Friends of the Fargo Public Library, and we are writing to express our opposition to Senate Bill 2307. We believe the bill's language is excessively broad and ambiguous, and would jeopardize a library's ability to successfully serve its community.

As a nonprofit, we are dedicated to supporting the Fargo Public Library and library programming that benefits tens of thousands of residents in our community each year. We believe Senate Bill 2307 would undermine the Fargo Public Library - and, indeed, libraries across the state - by removing local control and threatening essential library funding.

Libraries play a crucial role in our communities, providing opportunities for education, promoting literacy skills, providing meaningful programming for people of all ages, and much more. When a library is no longer able to do these things, our communities would suffer as a result.

We stand with the Fargo Public Library in opposition to Senate Bill 2307, and urge you to prevent this bill from becoming law.

Sincerely,

The Board of the Friends of the Fargo Public Library
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