

Good afternoon,

I would like to share my opposition to SB 2307. I love libraries. I work for a public library and can see how much libraries support people, foster a love of reading, provide a safe space to explore new ideas and gain knowledge. The library is a place for people to be curious and want to learn, but also come in with no judgement or expectations.

I fear this bill could wreck the love, acceptance and curiosity that grows in public libraries. From what I understand, this bill would force libraries to make really tough choices that wouldn't positively affect anyone but being a win for extreme right politicians. From my interpretation, it could limit collections in the entire library because collections are just open. Would a fence around any "obscene" book need to be made to keep minors out and ID at the gate? Or minors maybe wouldn't be allowed in libraries at all because of this proposed bill. Or are we expected to get rid of so many books because they would be labeled as "obscene". That is just crazy. People in our communities would no longer be able to easily access the books they wanted because of a political game, and that is simply book banning without labeling it as such.

Libraries and communities will struggle if this bill passes, please do not let it pass.

Thank you