

Chair Larson, Vice Chair Paulson, and members of the Committee, Request: Vote “No” for SB 2307.

My name is Paul Jensen, a Fargo resident since 2007 and currently a member of the Fargo Public Library Board of Directors. I value North Dakota’s public libraries and urge you to recommend "Do Not Pass" on SB 2307.

The bill's vague standards will create financial and legal burdens for libraries and the Attorney General, costing the taxpayers unnecessarily funds and is introduced for the benefit of a minority of individuals wanting to enact their specific narrow understanding of how the Public Libraries should operate. HB 1205 already established safeguards with the Federal Miller Test for obscenity, making SB 2307 redundant, costly, and punitive. It furthermore risks losing skilled librarians by subjecting them to audits and misdemeanors, undermining our state's commitment to limited government oversight. Trust our professional librarians instead of imposing unnecessary intervention.

Please reject SB 2307. Thank you.