

Against 2307

It is not my legislators' job to govern what is in my library. If I feel something's inappropriate, I can put it back and tell my children NO. It's my job as their parent. If I feel it's too mature for an area of my library, I can do a reconsideration and ask librarians to think about moving it. That is the LIBRARIAN's job. Librarians are highly trained professional people with degrees in the subject, undergo training regularly, do continuing education periodically and know what they are doing to serve their communities.

We do not need politicians from Devils Lake interfering in Minot nor do we need Mandan legislators prying in Fargo. Librarians work for their communities, not the legislative branch of government. None of the sponsors of this bill have library degrees. They are unqualified.

For a political party that is keen on individual rights, this bill is not taking an individual's intellectual freedom seriously. This is government overreach and unneeded. It will be terribly expensive and a waste of taxpayer dollars that could be spent on education and infrastructure. It most unfairly penalized our rural brothers and sisters who may have to close their libraries to those under 18 altogether.

Teenagers would be treated as preschoolers and not allowed materials that are perfectly appropriate to their emotional level. If we trust our teens to take a date to a school dance, why don't we trust them to check out a library book that features dating? This is best left to families to decide, not overzealous legislators.

If we wish to protect children, there are far better ways. Educate their parents on better internet controls, talk to our children about consent so they can better report it, stiffen child abuse penalties, prosecute co-conspirators of child abuse, and fund these programs.

Vote NO on 2307! It is not helpful to ND.

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