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**To: Senate Judiciary committee**  
**Date: February 10<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**RE: Senate bill 2307 Testimony**

**I am presenting you with a copy of the book “Let’s Talk About It” that was instrumental in motivating many parents, pastors, city and county official, legislators and even law enforcement to look into the fact that certain obscene, pornographic books were available in public schools and libraries in North Dakota.**

**Two years ago this book was available at the Barns County Library for 6<sup>th</sup> graders to check out. After numerous attempts to have the book removed by concerned parents and citizens it was, reluctantly, by the Barns county library staff, moved to the adult section of the library.**

**As to the degree of obscene pornographic material that was make available to young people, the book speaks for itself. It is also important to note that information is present in the book to encourage its readers how to reach porn sites on line (page 164).**

**I first heard about the controversy over this book on a Valley City radio station. The radio host described the controversy about the book and then said he would have to be very careful about describing the contents of the book on the air so that he would not put the radio stations FCC license in jeopardy**

**I attended one of the meetings held in Valley City over the controversy caused by this book. As I spoke to the library board I showed them some of the graphic illustrations present in the book. Two board members would not look at the illustrations. I made the pictures visible to the camera man who was filming the event for KTHI TV. When I spoke to him as he was leaving I asked him if the pictures would be shown on the air when the story was presented on television. He laughed and then emphatically told me there was no chance the pictures would be shown as part of the story on the controversy of the book!**

**But perhaps the best example that is most important to my testimony and shows the utter absurdity of what we are discussing. When I came here today with these books I had to make sure to convince the law enforcement people who check to make sure no one smuggles improper material into the Capitol that I was going to use the books for a legitimate purpose and was not trying to smuggle in pornographic and obscene material.**

**Kind of tells the whole story.....**

**It is important to note that the book “Let’s Talk About It” is not the only obscene, pornographic book out there in the public library and school system. Concerned courageous parents across the state have put together a list of other books that are not at all appropriate to be purchased and make available to young people with tax payer dollars.**

**I would like to say that as a former public school superintendent for 29 years I am extremely disappointed that the representatives of the 4 major public school organizations: The ND School Boards Association, the ND Council of School Leaders, the ND Education Association and the ND Department of Public Instruction are not here today to encourage this committee to pass this bill.**

**Finally I would like to encourage the members of this committee to do as I did before I came here today. I looked at pictures of my 4 grandchildren. Please do the same (or your children) and ask yourself as I did:**

**Is the passage of this bill in their best interests now and in the future?**

**Thank you**