

Good morning,

I am writing in opposition to HB 1205 as a ND citizen with concerns about how the Bill relates to First Amendment rights and censorship. The language of HB 1205 is, at times, vague. Based on some of the wording, the Bible may not be appropriate for placement in public libraries. North Dakota already has Century Code that relates to obscenity and I believe it is sufficient.

As a Trustee on our local library board, I'm concerned that HB 1205, again, is vague and doesn't even specify who is able to decide what works "have serious artistic significance, or anthropological significance." The Bill also states that if a complaint is made the work must be removed. As public libraries are a resource for everyone, it is not just or reasonable for one individual to be able to block other library users from accessing material.

In conclusion, I am opposed to HB 1205 and suggest it not be passed.

Respectfully,  
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