

Reasons 1205 and 2360 are not necessary and are bad for communities:

- Libraries already have policies and procedures in place for adding and removing items from the collection
- Possibilities of Class B misdemeanor for library staff and employees at businesses that sell books, magazines and movies is an overreaction that is harmful to employees and business owners
- The definitions of “sexually explicit” are vague and could have a potentially overly broad impact
- Legislation controlling what people have access to is extreme government overreach and removes all pretense of local control
- While protecting youth is an admirable goal, resources could be better spent preventing suicide, violence, food insecurity, and much more
- Financial implications have not been considered, including a) the cost to pay staff to read EVERY book , b) the cost to remove supposedly “obscene” books, and c) the increase to liability insurance/legal fees if public employees face criminal charges
- Obscenity laws already exist in the NDCC
- Libraries DO. NOT. CARRY. PORNOGRAPHY.

It is the twentieth-first century, not time for book bans. Public libraries collect books for EVERYONE! What is right for person A might not be right for person B. Only person B (or parents) can make that decision.

Thank you.