

Senate Judiciary Committee
HB 1205
March 13, 2023

Dear Chairman Larson and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee. I would like to express my opposition to HB 1205. I am writing as a parent to 4 children, a physician, and a citizen of this state. The libraries within the state already have processes in place to ensure age appropriate content is available and books are available in different sections of libraries based on the target audience. The language in this bill is much too broad to actually be enforceable. Who will define the prohibited types of content in this bill? From my perspective both as a parent and a physician, our society could use additional education on human sexuality in all forms considering the high rates of unplanned pregnancy, teen pregnancy, and sexually transmitted infections. These laws would prohibit even educational information on these topics not to mention the ability of adults to consume content at their choosing in the name of “protecting children. “

My last point is to say that as a parent to 4 children, it is my responsibility to ensure my children are consuming age appropriate content. With the plethora of information at our children’s fingertips between smart phones, internet, and TV programs, books in libraries across the state are the least of my concern and ultimately is the responsibility of the parent. Not the government.

I strongly oppose HB 1205.

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