

Dear members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Thea Holter, I live in District 1 and I am a wife and a mother to three children, ages 14, 11, and 5. I strongly support Senate Bill 2123.

Recently I have been made aware of some extremely explicit books that are in our school library. A group of us parents were researching the content in some of these books and one book in particular, really affected me. After reading just a page or two, I was sickened to my core. My husband couldn't even read it. It was an explicit account of a father repeatedly molesting his daughter with her twin sister watching. My thought was, if I basically feel traumatized after reading this book, how would it affect a minor? I can not imagine what purpose this is in a school library for? I can't think of a single one! Someone needs to be responsible for exposing minors to this material. When I send my children to school, I expect them to be safe from this sort of harm. In current times, many of us disagree on many issues, but one thing we must agree on is the protection of children from obscenities such as books and other pornographic materials that are proven to be harmful to their developing brains.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 2123. Thank you for your service to the state of North Dakota and for deliberating this issue at hand.

Thea Holter