

January 23, 2023

Senator Diane Larson, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Senator Larson and Senate Judiciary Committee,

Please vote "Do Not Pass" on Senate Bill 2123.

As a North Dakota citizen, voter, parent, and grandparent, I strongly oppose this bill as it infringes on everyone's 1st Amendment rights. SB 2123 potentially criminalizes public library staff members for ordering of materials that some may find offensive and this is a slippery slope as it could also call for not allowing the bible or other religious works in a library which may be offensive to some.

It is not up to the government to decide what people want to read or not read as it is an individual's right and is best left to the parents to decide for their children what is appropriate.

This bill would also limit adult access to materials that some might find offensive so I strongly request that this bill be voted down.

Sincerely,

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