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Testimony re: SB Bill 2123  
Lee Kruger, Resident of Valley City

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

Please vote 'do not pass' on SB 2123 which removes the well-considered exceptions for schools, colleges and libraries, museums, public libraries, or art galleries, as well as striking the phrase "for commercial gain" in subsection one and adding the phrase "or written descriptions" in the same.

Not only would this amendment be unenforceable and create an unbelievable amount of obviously censorious work for whomever is held to its misguided and incredibly broad standards, but it smacks of the sort of censorship and authoritarian government overreach we'd expect from a non-democratic country/legislature.

I am a North Dakotan; this is America; please turn your attentions to legislation that can help our state and bolster the great ideals of our nation, rather than countenancing those who would restrict speech in our fine state and the republic of which it is a part. Please vote 'do not pass' on SB 2123.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

Respectfully,

Lee Kruger