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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this testimony in response to the Senate Judiciary Public Hearing SB 2123. I am concerned about the limiting of materials to the public. I am in opposition to this bill because it blocks First Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution. This bill would block the freedom of expression and creation of authors and artists, as well as the freedom of choice for individuals. Limiting sources in public libraries only creates more "black market" situations for patrons to find what they are searching for. There are various sources and genres provided in a library that would have to be removed due to possible infractions of this bill. The Bible, for example, has mention of nudity (example Adam and Eve) as well as many other books and resources. Movies, audiobooks, nonfiction works of art, romance novels, historical fiction novels, etc. all have some mention of descriptions of nudity or lustful situations. My concern is that the past history of limiting materials and sources (Prohibition, book banning, etc.) to people infringe on the rights of the people and only causes mistrust in government. I believe it should be up to the individual to be able to choose what sources and materials they are able to access.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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