

Chairperson Larson
and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to urge you to vote DO NOT PASS on SB 2360.

Libraries and schools already apply content filters on the Internet access they provide to patrons in accordance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA.) This bill is therefore unnecessary.

Reading through the written testimony of those in favor of this bill, it is apparent the way CIPA interacts with libraries in North Dakota is not understood. It simply is not true that children are accessing pornography through library internet.

Additionally, this bill, like SB 2123 and HB 1205, is overly broad. It would ultimately cost North Dakota a great deal of money and resources in litigation.

I've read testimony after testimony on ndlegis.gov written by my fellow librarians, in opposition to these bills. Does their expertise in library science matter at all? It seems that the Legislature is putting the interests and opinions of one group over an entire professional class of citizens in North Dakota, citizens who could face jail time if these bills pass. It is unconscionable.

Please vote DO NOT PASS on SB 2360.

Sincerely,
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