

Dear Senators, I am writing in opposition of SB 2360. I believe this bill to be redundant and its edits to the definition of obscenity lacking reasonable merit.

In 2000, the federal Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was established, which requires Internet safety policies and technology if schools and libraries wish to receive federal E-rate funding. The CIPA requirements already block and filter certain material from being accessed through the Internet in libraries and schools.

In addition to the proposed protections that libraries and schools already meet, SB 2360 seeks to change the definition of obscenity and I do not agree with the proposed changes of the bill.

In my reading of the bill, I firmly believe that SB 2360 does nothing additional to protect North Dakotan youths, but it would rather be a waste of taxpayer dollars towards required reporting ,etc. when libraries and schools are already meeting safety policies of the CIPA.

As a lifelong resident of North Dakota, I urge the committee to listen to the experts in the field and vote DO NOT PASS on SB 2360.