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RE: SB2307 Oppose

ND Legislators:

I am writing in opposition to SB2307. This bill is vague, and leaves penalties for libraries and librarians who “break” the rules. It puts them in an impossible situation. With words like offensive to reasonable adults, and many other intentionally vague words - it’s not only unfair but a violation of our first amendment rights.

Next, this bill is addressing non-issues. For example, explicitly sexual materials are already regulated to the adult section of libraries. You act like libraries are dens of perverse ideas and people. Who gets to decide what is appropriate or not for adult readers? There are many books from the 1800s that are considered classics that would be banned by the library police squad. Let the adult reader determine if they should read something or not.

This law will cause some audio books and academic material to be inaccessible, and libraries were created to educate people about the world we live in.. the good and bad, so we can learn from history. It is unnecessary and will have real repercussions for our libraries as they try to comply with the rules.

Respectfully,
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