

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

This is my second time writing testimony in opposition of SB 2307. I am hoping that this testimony falls upon representatives that will listen to what their constituents are saying. There is clear opposition to this bill. North Dakota citizens have proven that they do not want this bill enacted. As Representatives of the people of North Dakota, I am pleading with you, please do NOT PASS SB 2307.

This bill would negatively impact our public libraries and school libraries. I am an elementary librarian and an avid user of the public library. This bill is clear censorship, in violation of ND citizen's right to read, and government overreach. It not only restricts access, but it criminalizes librarians as well under vague terminology. Libraries are community hubs and they should be welcome to all. Librarians shouldn't have to fear criminal charges for simply doing their jobs by providing diverse, informational, artistic, and entertaining books and materials for all ages and patrons. There is already due process and policies that public and school libraries follow when maintaining and developing their collections.

This bill would enable one person's individual belief to control the masses. Not one person should be able to control what I read or what my children read or what others read. This bill is not only a waste of time, it is a waste of money. Please vote DO NOT PASS on SB 2307. Please listen to the citizens of North Dakota. Please vote for the sanctity of our Freedom to Read.

Thank you,

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