



Mr. Lawrence R. Klemin  
Chair House Judiciary Committee

Dear Sir,

The Fargo Public Library Board and Administration stand firmly in opposition to House Bill No. 1205 on the grounds that it impacts the free access to materials from the libraries in North Dakota and forecasts disruptions to library services. Additionally, language in the bill concerns us greatly as it is overly broad and would potentially criminalize library staff performing their duties in good faith.

The Fargo Public Library Board contests censorship in any form, regardless of the motivations of the censor. The Fargo Public Library Board affirms both the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read declaration.

It is essential that House Bill No. 1205 be prevented from becoming law in order for libraries in North Dakota to continue to fulfil our first amendment duties for the communities we serve. We urge all House members to comply with their constitutional duty and prevent censorship from occupying North Dakota public libraries.

Sincerely,

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