

Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Lisa Pulkrabek and I live just outside of Mandan in District 31. I am the mother of six children and I take them to the local libraries often. I generally look over and approve the books they check out. However I feel that a taxpayer funded library should not have sexually perverted material in the children's and teen's sections. Kids should not be subjected to that kind of material at the library. It should be a safe environment for them.

I am writing this letter to you regarding BH 1205 Relating to prohibiting public libraries from maintaining explicit sexual material; to provide for a legislative management report; and to provide for application. I am in favor of this bill. Please render a Do Pass recommendation.

I am not against students learning about the human body from an appropriate textbook nor am I against the freedoms of the 1st Amendment. But this bill does not go against those common sense issues. It simply says that explicit content should not be displayed in public in the common view and presentation to children and teenagers. It gives citizens the authority to ask library staff to remove such materials or display them in a place and manner where children are not likely to see them. Remember video stores? Movies were rated and kids were not allowed to rent R rated movies without an adult and they were sure not allowed to go back behind the curtain and rent X rated films. Why can't we simply protect the kiddos from explicit material in written form at the library? This doesn't sound like it should be such a controversial subject.

There is so much porn on the internet - for that there are filters, blocks and limits that parents have the responsibility to put on their children's devices. Why can't we have a safe place- free of porn, sex talk, perversion and grooming for our kids at the library?

Can I count on you to vote YES on this bill? I sure hope so. Thanks kindly! Lisa Pulkrabek