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I strongly oppose this bill that prevents local school boards and parents from protecting children from school reading materials that are not age appropriate. The suggestion that obscene, pornographic, sexually explicit content, should be permitted on the basis of what protected class the author of the material belongs to is absurd. It is the right and responsibly of parents to hold to account our school boards, and teacher to keep our children safe. This bill gives the right to litigate to content creators and creates a risk to school districts who wish to do the right thing or face legal challenge when they attempt to protect kids from obscenity.

Public testimony in support of this bill have been misled by the proponents, suggesting that some wish to ban books, or discriminate against content creators. Those content creators, authors, and publishers are welcome to produce anything that falls under the protections of the first amendment, however the first amendment does not guarantee public educators the right to destroy the moral fabric of our society.

Do the right thing and vote NO on this hazardous legislation that will only cause harm to our educational system, a system that is already on the brink of collapse.