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This bill cannot allowed to go forward and become law. It strips parents of their free speech and local school boards from their ability to direct their local schools to craft education suited to their local community and community standards. School libraries do not have to offer every type of literature to provide a comprehensive education. And some books and book content can be harmful to our students. In no instance does regulating the books in school libraries constitute censorship or banning of books, so these works are available either online or public libraries.

If choices about how local schools will be operated is further taken away from parents, it will result in students being removed to a different educational opportunity and out of the public school system entirely. That is the ramification for advancing this type of agenda on parents and on our schools.