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**From:** David Cheezem <dcheezem.2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 8:13 AM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** Support SB238

When they attack libraries, they are attacking the fundamentals of freedom— the marketplace of ideas and the right to speak and read. Please support SB 238.

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David Cheezem  
<https://davidcheezem.substack.com/>

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**From:** Deborah Provo <deborahprovo717@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 22, 2026 6:03 PM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** SB238

Please note that I am in support of the passing of SB238. Thank you.

- Deb

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**From:** Gail McBride <momsforlibertynsb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 14, 2026 4:57 PM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** SB238

Dear Education Committee members,

I would like to bring to your attention, if you are unaware, that the issue of minors and obscene material is of national concern as it is in Alaska.

Though only a few states are mentioned in this quote below from [everylibrary.org](http://everylibrary.org), there are many more working to protect their children.

We would like you to consider strengthening Alaska's statute to be clear that "minor" is the language used clearly and the only word used to describe minors.

We would also suggest that "in whole or in part" is used pertaining to books with obscenities in school libraries.

All taxpayers should be allowed to challenge a book since they purchased it.

Authors, booksellers and publishers should not be allowed to bring an action against a library. There is no right to them for their book to be purchased.

In conclusion, please do not pass this bill. SB238 does not protect minors from material deemed harmful to minors. Please act to protect our children, not protect those harming them.

Thank you.  
Gail McBride  
907-750-7656

"Through May 25, 2023, two states have passed bills that allow for the criminal prosecution of librarians and educators. Arkansas SB81 includes both public libraries and educators. Indiana HB1447 focuses on educators including school librarians. Two other states saw vetoes of their criminalization legislation. North Dakota SB2360 passed and the veto was sustained by one vote. Idaho HB314 was passed by both houses and then vetoed. These 2023 legislative actions join Tennessee and Oklahoma in 2022 in creating new provision to prosecute libraries or schools over obscenity." [www.everylibrary.org](http://www.everylibrary.org)



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**From:** Jennifer Sasselli <jsasselli@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 22, 2026 9:03 PM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** Support SB238

Dear Senator,

Support SB238.

Let the people trained to do the job, do the job. Policies and professional standards are in place. If people who actually use the services take issue, let them follow the reconsideration process and have their say. People who do not use the service should not have control.

Protect our public servants and protect our right to decide for ourselves.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sasselli  
Palmer, Alaska

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**From:** Kathy Kysar <kysarkathy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 3:37 PM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Cc:** Jenna Colquhoun  
**Subject:** SB 238

Hello. My name is Kathy Kysar and I live in Sutton, part of the MatSu Borough. The MatSu borough government is not effectively handling book challenges here and could really use guidance from the state as provided for in SB 238.

Our mayor and borough assembly have replaced all of the library advocates on the borough library board with censorship advocates. Not only does our borough admin strictly prohibit any association with the American Library Association within our public libraries, but they also have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past few years on book challenges and censorship committees because they have no defined legislation to work within.

All of those tax dollars spent on this issue have only resulted in a handful of books being moved from the young adult to adult section of our libraries. None have been removed. That is because there are no books in our public libraries that meet the legal definition of obscenity. None. Yet, the borough continues to push forward, now spending time and money censoring adult material which will result in nothing except more money being spent on a manufactured crisis.

The MatSu borough has removed professionally trained librarians from all challenged book discussions. They have empowered an untrained, unqualified group of pro-censorship individuals to second guess every book, every CD, and every movie that every librarian in our borough wants to order. Members of our Assembly are even suggesting that all of our public libraries be turned into strictly children's libraries. This has got to stop.

Since the MatSu Borough doesn't have the sense to end this fiasco, it is high time that the state steps in before they get sued for 1st Amendment violations.

Passing this bill will ensure that a single individual cannot challenge materials across every borough library. It will protect against attempts to censor library collections, preserve access to a broad range of viewpoints, and guarantee that a trained librarian participates in any meeting involving challenged materials. Thank you for the opportunity to present these facts and describe the conditions our MatSu libraries are currently experiencing. And thank you for considering this legislation to further protect our public libraries.

**Kathy Kysar**  
Assistant Professor of English, UAF  
President, Friends of the Sutton Library  
Alaska Chapter Leader, [Authors Against Banned Books](#)  
Owner, [Crooked Cabin](#)

*I acknowledge and honor that I live on the ancestral lands of the Dena'ina and Ahtna peoples. I recognize and respect the continuing connection, by Alaska Native people and all Indigenous people to the land, waters, and communities. I also honor my own traditional territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy in what is now known as Montana, which includes Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani, of which I am a descendent.*

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**From:** Larri Spengler <larri.irene.spengler@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 12:25 PM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** "yes" on SB 238

Greetings:

I urge you to support SB 238. Libraries are good for all of us, and this would be good for libraries.

Larri Spengler

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**From:** marla statscewich <4marlastats@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:38 AM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** Sb 238

I would like to express my support of SB238. Access to diverse library materials is a fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression. Parents can limit their own child from books they deem inappropriate but they should not dictate what is available in a library to other patrons. Censorship is not what our country stands for.

Marla Statscewich  
Fairbanks Alaska

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**From:** mar.grover@proton.me  
**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2026 10:22 AM  
**To:** Senate Education  
**Subject:** In Support of SB238

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Martha Grover. I have been an Alaskan resident since I was 2 years old, which makes it 34 years of residency in Alaska. I currently live in Palmer. I'm writing today in support of SB238.

It is wrong for librarians, school & museum professionals to be used as scapegoats for political posturing. They should not be prosecuted for crimes they are not committing. Local control of library collections rests with library patrons. We vote for what our collections look like based on the material we request and check out frequently from the libraries. That is what dictates community standards.

It is up to parents to protect their children and be involved in what they're consuming, whether it's library materials, movies, TV shows, or online content. And the "inappropriate" materials in libraries are being greatly exaggerated.

Please pass this bill and protect our library, school, and museum professionals.

With Respect,  
Martha

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.