

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of our over 300 members of Moms for Liberty Howard County.

Recently, our chapter submitted 39 books for review and removal from HCPSS media centers that contain sexually explicit language and in some cases illustrated pornography.

We all know that showing minors pornography is against the law but our state says it's ok if it's for educational purposes.

Following is an excerpt from Jack of Hearts and other parts. The main character in this book is a **teen** sex advice columnist and the excerpt is from a column he wrote regarding anal sex. I'd like you all to tell us how this book is educational. This book glorifies the sex life of a **teenager**.

Quote:

"But it can be fun, too—even if you don't have a prostate, there are nerve endings and pressure. Just make sure you've taken a shit beforehand and cleaned after—preferably with soap and water in the shower. 'Cause if you gotta go while he's inside you, it's going to come out gross. When you're ready to get fucked, use lots of lube. A finger first. Go slow. Make sure he's still focused on keeping you turned on, too. It helps if you start out riding him, facing forward—then you have more control over how deep he goes, and you can still communicate what you need. Once he's in you, tell him to just stay there for a while so you can get used to it, then when you give the okay, he can slowly start fucking you. If you don't like it, tell him to stop. If you decide to switch holes, use a fresh condom. Unquote

This normalizes anal sex. Studies show that most women do not like anal sex. Yet, young girls will feel pressured to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable. This is unacceptable.

"Pornography may be defined as "the depiction of erotic behavior (sexual display in pictures **or writing**) that is intended to cause sexual excitement" in the viewer.

Why are we providing this to our students?

According to the National Institutes of Health, there are several reasons for concern. Pornography may impact adolescents' sexual risk taking, functioning, body image, sexual objectification and sexual aggression.

The American College of Pediatricians states that the consumption of pornography by minors is associated with increased rates of depression, anxiety, younger age of sexual

debut, promiscuity, increased risk of teen pregnancy, and a distorted view of relationships between men and women.

The Journal of Psychosexual Health states that **parental guidance** is critical to influencing beliefs and shaping values around developing healthy and fulfilling relationships.

Please support HB0282, so parents can indeed influence their children without government interference. Thank you.

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