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Testimony Unfavorable to HB0710: Criminal Law - Display of Obscene Material to Minors

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Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett, Chair, Delegate Debra Davis, Vice-Chair, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Ezra Towne, and my pronouns are they/them. I am writing to you today because I **strongly oppose HB0710, and ask for an unfavorable report from the Judiciary committee.**

HB0710 isn't really about saving our children from pornography - instead, it attempts to define certain graphic novels as such, and remove this material from school libraries.

Our school librarians go through years of education on what materials, including picture books and graphic novels, are appropriate for children by age. We do not need our legislators and criminal justice system to do that for them.

Sincerely,
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