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Dear Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

I am writing to urge you to oppose LD1395 and any similar legislation aimed at censoring school library databases. Maine's school districts employ certified librarians and educators who are trained to select age-appropriate and reliable resources for students.

All of the digital resources are also protected by school district web filters, as mandated by the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) for E-rate eligibility. Students receive instruction from educators, and in many cases, certified librarians on how to effectively utilize these age-appropriate databases.

Therefore, I see no need for new legislation in this area. Claims of pornography or obscenity being present in these databases are demonstrably false. Passing laws based on such falsehoods would harm the integrity of education and a fair and free marketplace.

Additionally, I find no logical connection between digital library safety policies and human trafficking prevention training.

Sincerely,

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