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Chair Craven, Vice Chairs McEntee and Knight, and Members of the committee:

As you know, I testified in favor of this bill before the committee on 4/22/25, and I have a question: When Representative Roberts was introducing the bill, she wanted to show you depictions in books our kids are reading in schools, and you wouldn't allow it. Both Vice Chairs indicated that would be a violation of some kind, and that they wanted to save Rep Roberts from getting into some sort of trouble...I'm paraphrasing, but I'll forward the video.

This act would prohibit the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

Here is the question: Why is it ok for RI's children to see age-inappropriate, obscene, pedophilic, and even pornographic depictions in schools but, when an elected official or even a member of the public attempts to inform or educate a committee of adults on this, it is not allowed? What violation would Rep Roberts have committed? Or the committee?

On the surface, this seems like blatant hypocrisy, or worse, less than the truth. You may wonder why I questioned the motivation of some in that building as they relate to RI's youth. This is one reason why.

I am hoping to receive an answer from either Chair Craven, or either of the Vice Chairs on this. If needed, I can also send the video clip.

Sincerely yours,

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EXPLANATION BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF A N A C T RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN *** 1 2 3 4 5
This act would prohibit the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value with violators subject to imprisonment and fines ranging from two (2) to fifteen (15) years and fines from one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to five thousand dollars

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