

Chairman Craven and Honorable Committee members,

My name is Daria Phoebe Brashear; I live in the Edgewood section of Cranston. Today I write to you in opposition to House Bill 5923.

The lack of subjectivity of the definitions in this bill offer opportunity for misuse to censor people based on viewpoints regarding appropriateness and what constitutes “literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.” Furthermore, this bill carries the potential for undermining efforts to provide evidence-based sexual health education. HB5923 also undermines core principles of freedom of speech and expression due to its breadth.

Please oppose bill HB5923, as it is unnecessary, ill-defined and likely to be weaponized against already vulnerable communities.

Sincerely,
Daria Phoebe Brashear