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Ms. Hobin,

Further to our telephone conversation of today's date, I am sending this e-mail expressing my views on the above subject which I hope will be given to the Board when it meets on Thursday.

Much publicity has been given to the above subject in the media with pros and cons being put forward by different people. I think the real point here has been missed - while "the government at any level has no business in the bedrooms of the nation" it does have a certain responsibility to the public at large in public areas. We are faced once again with an individual's rights versus the rights of the public at large.

Aside from my personal views about pornography, I do believe people have a right to view what they wish (providing it involves consenting adults only) in the privacy of their own home. When you take that outside of that environment and attempt to allow it in what is essentially a "public" place funded almost entirely by taxpayers money, that changes everything.

A library has long been a place I have considered a wonderful environment for people of all ages and cultures to enrich their reading experiences and attend many meetings and classes held there. To allow pornography to creep into this very "public" venue is disturbing to say the least and I can foresee it opening the door to all sorts of other "sensitive" subjects.

I hope you will think long and hard about this subject and see your way to keeping our libraries a place where young and old can mingle and not have to worry about wandering into an inappropriate area. A library has created a wholesome image over the years and I would hope you would not allow that image to be tarnished in this way.

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