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Draft letter regarding the West Bend Citizens for Safe Libraries' request for a redress of grievances

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Dear Mr. Tyree and Library Board Members,

The United States Constitution expressly preserves our right to petition government for redress of grievances. Since the Request for Materials Reconsideration does not apply to the type of grievance we have, nor the broad and system-wide requests for relief we are making, we consider this letter to be our official request.

As the representatives for nearly 500 people in the West Bend community and other patrons of the SHARE library system who signed this petition, a group we now call West Bend Citizens for Safe Libraries, we present this petition with the following requests for redressing our grievances:

1. Reclassification of Youth-Targeted Pornographic/sexually Explicit Books.
2. Visual Identification of Explicit Material.
3. Restrict Access to Library-produced Sexual Content Online.
4. Balanced Literature on Controversial Issues.
5. Children's Internet Protection.

We have attached a copy of the petition with full explanations of our community's requests.

We do not feel that what the community/taxpayers/parents are requesting is in any way unreasonable. It is our goal to provide the utmost protection for the children who are patrons of the local library and use the SHARE library system. Additionally, we seek to empower parents to be able to assist their children in making age-appropriate, healthy and wise decisions when choosing materials from the public library.

So as not to jeopardize this request, please let us know if you desire or require further documentation in order to consider and act upon this request. We desire that action on the requests contained in this petition move forward without delay. Please uphold your responsibility as accountable public officials to set policy, direct staff, and make high level decisions about allocation of resources by addressing these citizen grievances now.

Sincerely,

Jim and Ginny Maziarka
Representatives
West Bend Citizens for Safe Libraries