Hello,

Under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, §30-4-10 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that pertain to book challenges in your district. I am looking for a list of all titles that were challenged, the date of the challenges, the reason, information about who challenged them, and the outcome (ie: was that title removed from school libraries in your district?) If it was removed, please include when and how many copies of the book and what libraries they were removed from. I'm looking at challenges from the past five years.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed $25. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of education in South Carolina. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act requires a response time within 10 business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Hillary Flynn