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Public Record Identification: Tom Fabry, taxpaying resident, City of Tyler, and spokesman authorized by Grassroots America's Executive Director JoAnn Fleming to address this public hearing. We are an all-volunteer led statewide conservative citizen action organization based out of Smith County since 2009.

We are shocked that our Public Library has brought us to the point that citizens are now forced to appeal to the Library Advisory Board to remove blatantly offensive, obscene, and inappropriate publications from the children's section. We are frankly amazed that anyone in the Library Administration would consider *Blue is the Warmest Color* as appropriate for minor children. **This is beyond shocking!** It is **gravely disappointing** that City of Tyler Public Library Administrators would even consider the purchase of such smut in the first place! If people want obscenity, they should buy it themselves and face Higher consequences. **This book does NOT belong in our Tyler Public Library.**

If this one book had somehow avoided the commonsense, diligent reviews we expect all library purchases to undergo, it would be an easily correctable problem. In fact, this matter can be solved this evening with a unanimous vote by this board to simply remove it. **Unfortunately, the problem is much deeper.** At a recent Grassroots America meeting, multiple examples of similarly pornographic books found in the library stacks were reviewed to the shock and disgust of those in attendance. **These books do NOT represent the values of our community. We do not care in the least that these books are highly regarded by metropolitan, self-anointed cultural elites who do not share our values.**

Even a cursory review of the library's book purchases and periodical subscriptions reveals other concerning matters; however, we will not address the numerous examples of Cultural Marxism tonight because this agenda is limited to a single book. **However, we want this Advisory Board and our fellow citizens to know that Grassroots America is working with concerned parents, grandparents, other groups, and members of local Christian clergy. We will very soon present to the Tyler City Council our documented findings because the buck stops with the elected Tyler City Council and Mayor.**

We love this city and this county. We intend to defend Judeo Christian values and support parents and grandparents fighting to preserve the innocence of their children.

We urge you to remove *Blue is the Warmest Color* from the City of Tyler Library. Citizen concerns about access to pornography in our Library by minor children should be investigated and remediated. Grassroot America – We the People will take a leading role in this effort – *even if requires a public fight.*

Most sincerely,

JoAnn Fleming, Executive Director

Tom Fabry, Chair, Local Government Watchdog Committee