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## USPIE awards July Millstone of the Month award to Illinois Gov. Pritzker for protecting pornography in state libraries

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**COLUMBIA, S. C.** — *United States Parents Involved in Education's (USPIE)* announces that the "Millstone of the Month Award" for July goes to Illinois Governor JB Pritzker for recently signing legislation to cut off state funding for any Illinois library that tries to ban inappropriate books. The Millstone of the Month is a monthly recognition of an individual who is actively working to deceive, indoctrinate, or negatively impact children with leftist, anti-God propaganda. The name of the award is taken from Matthew 18:6, which says "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believes in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea."

Despite parental concern at the unsuitable content in some books, Pritzker's <u>Illinois Library System Act</u> states that Illinois libraries will only be eligible for state funding if they adhere to the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, which states that books "should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." The new law will take effect on January 1, 2024. "Book bans are about censorship, marginalizing people, marginalizing ideas and facts. Regimes ban books, not democracies," Pritzker said.

"Parents have every right to be concerned about the content in some of these 'children's books' their kids are exposed to," said USPIE Founder and President Sheri Few. "Inappropriate, explicit books should be banned from school libraries! Radicals like Governor Pritzker claim that they are acting in the name of democracy, but what they are really doing is indoctrinating children with harmful ideologies. True democracies give parents the right to choose what their children read, not force explicit propaganda down their throats. Parents in Illinois must remain even more vigilant regarding what their children see, read, and experience or lose their children to the liberal wave indoctrinating children in their very backyards."

USPIE's feature film, "Truth & Lies in American Education," uncovers the tragic truth about America's education system. Today's children are being indoctrinated by critical race theory, explicit sexual education, anti-American ideologies, and Marxism — all without the permission or knowledge of their parents. "Truth & Lies in American Education" delves into the toxic propaganda being taught to America's children and gives concerned parents and citizens the tools necessary to impact meaningful change right at the heart of America's schools.

"Truth & Lies in American Education" is available for streaming on SalemNOW, as well available on DVD. For more information about "Truth & Lies in American Education," click here.

United States Parents Involved in Education (USPIE) is a nonprofit, nationwide coalition that seeks to return education to its proper local roots and restore parental authority over their children's education by helping parents and local communities to escape federal and other national influences. It is the vision of USPIE to create a culture where parents, empowered with the authority to choose what and how their children learn, are the undisputed primary educators of their children, where local schools operate in support of families, and where education is unencumbered by federal mandates.

For more information on *United States Parents Involved in Education*, visit <u>www.uspie.org</u> or follow *USPIE* on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.

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