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**Statement by Bibliothek und Information Deutschland (BID) concerning the
lawsuit against Dale Askey**

Bibliothek & Information Deutschland (BID) (Library and Information in Germany), the umbrella association of library associations, is deeply concerned that Edwin Mellen Press is attempting to influence the freedom of opinion of academic librarians and thus the freedom of research and teaching through private legal action against Dale Askey.

Librarians publishing qualified evaluations of publications reflect the expression of a pluralistic and democratic society. Attempting to suppress the shaping of a public opinion constitutes a serious offense against our democracy and the free expression of opinion.

Therefore, Bibliothek & Information Deutschland appeals to Edwin Mellen Press to withdraw their legal action against Dale Askey.

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President

Bibliothek & Information Deutschland e.V. and its members:

Deutscher Bibliotheksverband (dbv) e.V. (*German Library Association*; 2.000 members)

Berufsverband Information Bibliothek (BIB) e.V. (*Vocational Association for library and information workers*; 6.500 members)

Verein Deutscher Bibliothekare (VDB) e.V. (*Association of German Academic Librarians*; 1.700 members)

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