

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Please stop act SB 374. As a CT resident and father of a 3 year old I must say that this act is a violation of freedom, human rights, families, and the First Constitutional Amendment. There are certain inalienable, God-given rights, and one of those is for parents to raise their own children. It would be one thing if it offered families help for any kids whose parents were worried that might have mental illness. But, no, this act is REQUIRING all students to be psychologically evaluated by whoever the state deems a mental health professional. This is outrageous! If I as a father have no reason to believe that my daughter needs psychological evaluation, and I don't want her to have it for reasons of conscious or of religion, then I have every right under the first amendment to refuse that. Furthermore, I don't want my daughter to be exposed to the questions and practices they might employ for such "psychological" evaluations. Furthermore, the mental health medical field in general is a highly speculative practice that has a long way to go before being a sure science. And thus, the State should not even take the stance of purporting a certain type of mental health professional to have the authority to mentally label a child they see for 10 minutes over and above the opinion of their parents who know them best and care the most for thier well being. It would be a violation of my conscious and religious beliefs to unnecessarily subject my daughter to that screening. It would also be a very sad day for America and her people's God-given liberties. A bill that OFFERS help those families who need it and want it would make more sense.

Sincerely,

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