

Mosher – SB 374

To the members of the Public Health Committee,

I write to register my opposition to SB 374, calling for mandated behavioral health assessments of public and homeschooled children in Connecticut.

As a diligent parent, I already spend much time, energy and money making sure that my children are growing and engaging their community in healthy ways. They regularly interact with teachers, coaches, doctors, dentists and clergy persons, many of whom are Mandated Reporters. It is completely unclear what level of assurance about their wellbeing would be added with this new mandate. Further, it is completely unclear who would pay for this assessment, who would do it, and no assurances are given that the results would not somehow be registered or stored with the state, an explicit violation of their privacy. For all these reasons I am opposed to SB 374's passage and ask that it be allowed to die in committee.

Thank you,

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