

**Mosher – SB 374**

To the members of the Public Health Committee,

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

My wife and I already make the health and well-being of our children our highest priority, and they are actively involved in a community that cares for them -- many of whom are mandated reporters. It is not evident how the proposed bill would provide any benefit to our children or the vast majority of ordinary, healthy kids. Yet all would be required to be assessed, imposing a serious expense and burden on our state. It is not clear how this new mandate would be paid for, nor how the information from the assessments would be stored to ensure the absolute privacy and security of this sensitive material.

For all these reasons, I am firmly opposed to SB 374.

Sincerely,  
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