

## **Murphy SB374**

Dear Senators and Representatives,

We are Connecticut residents and the parents of two children, ages 11 and 16, who attend private schools in this state and we would like to add our testimony against proposed Bill No. 374, to be read at the March 8 public hearing.

S.B. No. 374 is an infringement on the rights of parents, not just parents of home-schooled children, but all parents. It seems to us that this bill is in violation of Connecticut's HIPPA privacy law. What are the proposed consequences of the outcome of these assessments? If there is an irregular assessment made by the state-selected health care professional, can the parents get a second assessment from a doctor of their choice? What is it that the state is empowered to do? What exactly will the test be? How will it be administered? This is a very slippery slope we are heading down.

It's frightening to think that parental rights of every family in CT can be trampled without just cause. Parents are the first and best educators of their children, and the state is far over-reaching its boundaries.

Sincerely,

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