

I am writing to advise you of my strong opposition to SB 874, specifically sections 17 and 18.

There is no need for this drastic change in the way children have been homeschooled for centuries in CT, nor is there any reason given why this change is being made. This will further drain the time and resources of our Board of Education offices, having yet another project to manage and implement. Our schools are obviously stretched to their capacity already, I fail to see the benefit to giving them yet more to do.

One of the main reasons we homeschool is because our schools are stretched so thin. Children need and deserve individualized learning, tailored to their strengths and interests. I do not want, nor do I need, the oversight of our local Board of Education. I don't want access to their curricula, I've carefully researched and purchased from our own funds curricula that works best for our family. If I wanted my children instructed from generic, one-size-fits-all curricula, I would enroll them in our schools.

Requiring homeschool families to register annually will be a huge waste of time for all parties involved, with no benefit received.

I urge you to please vote in opposition of this bill.

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