

February 28, 2019

Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut Education Committee,

I am writing to you with regards to the proposed language addition to Section 17 and Section 18 of SB 874 I respectfully request that this proposed language not be added.

The language, which would require homeschoolers to register our children with the state, is misguided and would place an incredible burden on local schools and on homeschooling families.

My family has chosen to homeschool because we were not supported by our local schools, and I lack faith in the ability of the school system to address the individual needs of my children. I see the language in this bill as state overreach. The attempt to gain control of the number of families who homeschool has been presented as a way to protect our children, however, the Dept. of Children and Families is notoriously bad as doing just that.

The current language regarding homeschooled children in Connecticut is clear as it stands. In my opinion there is no reason to add or change anything.

Again, I am respectfully requesting Sections 17 and 18 not be added to SB 874.

Thank you for taking your time to read this.

Sincerely,  
Jessie Burnett