

Dear Sir or Madame,

I'm writing to you this evening to ask that you vote no to SB 874.

When I was twelve years old I had my first voice lesson and quickly fell in love with music, starting on the path that I knew was going to shape the rest of my life. I'm seventeen now and am taking my dream classes, voice, piano, music theory, music history, dance, and French, all in pursuit of my dream to become an opera singer and I have homeschooling, as well as my parents' careful guidance, to thank for that.

If I had stayed in public school I wouldn't have the time or energy left for my passions, some of my best friends go to or have gone to a public school and they hardly have time to sleep at night let alone make time for the things they love. They say that it's hard to so much as think under the stress that tests, teachers, parents, and other students put on them and that's not what I want for myself or my brother.

I truly believe that if I had been in public school I would not be as accomplished as a singer, happy with my life, or confident in who I am as a person as I am today.

Please, vote no to SB 874 and help me and others like me to keep our freedom, pursue our passions, and keep us from being restricted by public school mandates.

Sincerely,  
Eva Clemence