

**Dear Education Committee Members,
I OPPOSE SB 874, scheduled for Public Hearing in the Education
Committee on March 1, 2019, which contains provisions calling
for *mandatory in-person registration of all homeschoolers*.
Additionally, **Section 18 would amend 10-1600 by "offering" model
curriculum to homeschoolers from kindergarten through 4th grade.****

I am a mother of two children in the town of Killingly. Public school for us was not an option. I do not believe that the newer public-school systems align with the way my husband and I are choosing to raise my children. I feel as though our belief system has been completely removed God from the current public schools. Public schools have turned into, in my opinion, a factory herding the masses instead of individualized teaching. I understand that with the teacher to student ratio such individualized teaching is no possible. My children have naturally excelled in some areas and in other areas have needed some extra time and help. I am able to support their specific needs to untimely help they be successful and beyond just completion excel. Statistically homeschooled children are testing beyond their peers in public schools. Placing a regulation on these families is unnecessary. The current homeschool statute recognizes the constitutional right of parents to guide the education of their children through home education. There has been a successful track record for the past thirty years where parents, if they choose, can submit their notice of intent to their school district but are not mandated. If this changed it would be an unnecessary restriction.

In addition, section 18 states that it would make families eligible to receive model curricula and frameworks for reading and math K-4 approved by the State Department this is unnecessary, as these are already available.

Thank You,
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