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Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 874 Education Committee March 1, 2019

Co-Chairs McCrory and Sanchez; Vice Chairs Abrams and Barry; Ranking Members Berthel and McCarty; and distinguished Members of the Education Committee. I am writing in opposition to S.B. 874, which contains language that would mandate a redundant provision for home schooled families.

In Sec. 17, lines 623-627, states: *The parent or person having control of a child who provides home instruction to such child shall personally appear annually at the school district office and sign a registration form indicating that such child will be receiving home instruction.*

Additionally, this annual registration form will require a signature of recognition from a school administrator. This is an unnecessary burden that home-schooled families will have to complete each and every year. Part of the reasoning behind home schooling children, is to avoid the overregulation and intrusive nature of government in our education systems. This proposed policy is not just irritating to homeschooled families, but it is also a waste of time and resources. Parents who register their students as home instructed, care deeply about their children's education and will continue to provide home instruction year after year, unless of course they enroll their children in school.

I strongly urge the committee to oppose this provision of S.B. 874, as it will create exasperating regulations for our home-schooled families.

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