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oppose SB 874

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To Whom it May Concern,

We have three kids. We began homeschooling when my oldest child came home with math that did not make logical sense. My youngest was asked to do some higher-level conceptual thinking before learning his math facts. We found that it did not make sense and we began teaching them at home in order to ensure that they learned the basics so they could go on and do more difficult math in the future. We also teach the other subjects of course and I am sure you would not find anything wrong with the children's curriculum.

It is a sacrifice to do this for the kids because we are a lower income family and can't do a lot of fun things that 2-income families do with ease but we are putting the kids and their education first. (It is esp. hard in CT because of the high cost of living!) I used to be a high school history teacher and am happy to help the kids get a good foundation but I need you to know that it is a full-time job. We make sure we get everything done daily and will not allow ourselves to get behind. We take this very seriously and appreciate that CT has the freedom to do this. Teaching the kids at home is really time-consuming and we do not need any red-tape to deal with in order to take care of our children.

We therefore oppose SB874 as we do not want to have to register with the town to teach our kids at home. We pay taxes and see none of that money to help us buy our books and materials and we are unable to participate in sports at the schools or get help with special needs. It all falls on us. SB874 wishes to create a curriculum to have available for homeschoolers. There are already numerous curricula already available and the state would only waste taxpayer dollars creating something that people who homeschool do not want. I also fear that as time goes forward it would become mandatory and that goes against our freedom--parents are supposed to educate their kids or send them to public or private school. We are doing what we are supposed to do and it is not an easy job. Do not take away our freedom and do not make the job any harder than it is already. We help the school systems by lightening the load and freeing up tax dollars so more money can be spent on those choosing the public school option. Don't give people yet another reason to leave our beautiful state!

Sincerely,
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