

To the members of the Education Committee. My name is Sharon Dix and I have lived in Bristol, CT for 14 years. I am writing to let you know that I oppose S.B. 874, An Act Concerning Initiatives and Services in CT. In particular, section 17, requiring homeschooling parents to register annually, and section 18, providing framework curriculum for homeschooled Pre-K through 4th grades.

I have been homeschooling my 3 children for 5 1/2 years, allowing them each to learn in the way that suits them best, individually. I think it is a gross infringement of my constitutional rights as a parent to require me to register my children as proof that I am schooling them. There is no good reason to do so, either. There is also no reason for the state to spend taxpayer money, creating curriculum for Pre-K through 4th grade, when there are myriad options available for low-cost or free, at local libraries or online.

This bill, and these sections in particular, will only bring down the quality of education in CT, and waste time and resources better spent elsewhere, if at all.

Respectfully,  
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