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To the Education Committee,

I am Amy Drown, a mother of two young boys that has been homeschooling for 3 years. I am writing in response to the proposed regulations regarding homeschooling-- SB 874. It has come to the attention of the homeschool community that DCF is the organization pushing to have homeschoolers register with their school district. I find this incredibly insulting and barbaric. I know that this registration process would be a complete waste of time and money. DCF needs to become better at doing their job before taking on any more. You can read all about DCF's failures in the CT Mirror.

I do not want or need any government infringement upon my parental rights to take care of my family. My husband and I have chosen to keep our children out of school for many reasons. The drugs, bullying, and the constant budget cuts are to name a few. The Connecticut Supreme Court in the Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding v. Rell case 327 Conn. 650 (2018) cited the court's finding that there is "clear evidence of failing public school, unequal treatment, and illiterate students being graduated" from those public schools. Yet that is where we are supposed to register our children?

Also, no one knows a child better than his/her parents. I know my children's weaknesses and strengths and I can fine tune their education to meet their needs. I have been apart of a homeschool community where parents are putting their children's education at the top of their priority list. Please consider the proof that is in the statistics of homeschooled children. I'm raising my children to live a happy, positive, and successful life so they can grow up to impact their communities in a happy, positive, and successful way.

Please vote NO to S.B. 874.

Respectfully,

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