

February 27th, 2019

Dear Members of the Connecticut Education Committee;

I am writing my testimony to **OPPOSE Sections 17 and Sections 18 of S.B. 874** and respectfully ask you to keep homeschooling out of this bill.

My family has intentionally chosen not to utilize the public school system as it has personally failed me. As a mother, I do not intend on failing my children. I do not support the language within this bill as there should be no need to register and essentially ask permission to educate my children as I see fit. By selecting to educate my children at home I realize I have taken on this responsibility and I am wholeheartedly invested in their educational journey; I have not asked for your help. I can not and will not justify having someone who does not know my children tell me what is best for them. Nor can I support curriculum requirements knowing it goes against the religions of so many I know. Please understand this, one set of curriculum put down is NOT a 'one size fits all' solution. I have chosen this path for my family in the State of Connecticut because I believe it is what is best for US.

I would also like to make note, the Department of Children's and Families has no place keeping track of homeschoolers. This is entertaining a new level of discrimination not to mention a sublet legislator over creep.

I request this particular section of this bill to be reconsidered and **NOT** move forward. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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