

Testimony for Public Hearing  
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Governor's Bill No. 874 An Act Concerning Education Initiatives and Services  
in Connecticut

As a parent educator I stand in strong opposition to sections 17 and 18 of SB 874, which make a drastic change to Connecticut's current law. The current law is fully sufficient and explicitly states the obligation of parents to provide an education for their children. The underhanded approach of quietly slipping these new regulations into such a large bill which focuses on public education suggests of a rather deceitful nature to the proposed regulations.

Specifically requiring parent educators to appear and register their children is outrageous and blatant discrimination. Recognizing that the true intention of this requirement is to forward this information to the Department of Children and Families further highlights the deceptive nature of this law and makes one question why there is a continual push for the erosion of parental rights and what information will be asked for next: Religion? Vaccination status? Political views? Gun ownership?

DCF and the Office of the Child Advocate already have full legal power to intervene on behalf of any child in this state. This discriminatory requirement of registering children educated at home gives DCF nothing they don't already have it is a way to legally brand and smear home-educated children and their parents with the inference that parent educators are abusive and need to be under government monitoring.

The Orwellian nature of this proposed change is startling. It is something one would expect to find in a Nazi or Soviet regime, not in the United States of America. I vehemently oppose this gross intrusion and government overreach and ask you to remove sections 17 and 18 of SB 874.

Thank you for your time and consideration.