

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing today to state my **opposition** to the proposed Governor's **bill SB 874, specifically sections 17 and 18**. I am opposed to registration of Connecticut homeschoolers as well the offering of model curriculum to parents who are registered to provide home school instruction. There are multiple reasons that I am opposed to these two sections of this bill.

First, this bill would impose an unnecessary burden on innocent homeschool families who are practicing their rights to homeschool their children. Homeschooling is a wonderful freedom that we have in this state that should not be infringed upon by gratuitous registration. It is a family's right and privilege to make decisions about their child's education and upbringing, one that my husband and I take very seriously. Registration of homeschoolers would only cause a stress upon the faithful families who are successfully homeschooling their children. There seems to be no purpose, besides encroaching on freedom and privacy, to have this regulation.

One of the great aspects of homeschooling is the ability to choose a curriculum that suits your child. There are an abundance of resources and options available to homeschool families and thus no need to offer model curriculum as stated in section 18 of this bill. Many homeschool families move away from the public-school model and standard to better equip their child's learning needs. These families move toward excellent curriculum that tailors to each individual child. We want to raise not only successful adults but have children in our home who love to learn and thrive at home. We are perfectly capable of choosing a curriculum suited to that desire without the slippery slope of a state "model curriculum" which could eventually be mandated.

It appears that this is a bill that is multifaceted. The addition of homeschoolers, to an otherwise non-homeschool related bill, in two small but significant sections, is unnecessary! Please remove sections 17 and 18 from the SB 874 bill.

Respectfully,

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