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RE: Opposition to S.B. No. 874, sections 17 and 18

Dear Education Committee members:

As a home educator, I strongly oppose sections 17 and 18 of S.B. No. 874. Parents who educate their children at home should not be required to register at the school district annually; state-provided curriculum is not needed, already available online, and need not be mentioned in a bill.

I choose to home educate because I believe it is the best option for my children. Requiring registration is the first step towards heavier regulation of individuals including requiring state-approved curriculum and teaching credentials. Furthermore, I should not have to report to a school district that I chose to not be a part of.

I will not compromise my freedom to educate my children. This bill could lead to intimidation of parents, data collection (by DCF or other agencies), and government control. Please do not vote for this bill. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Yours respectfully,

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