

Dear Committee Members:

SB 874 is an assault on the freedom of parents to educate their children in the way they deem best by adding an unnecessary burden requiring in-person registration of homeschoolers with the public school district. It is an intrusion into the autonomy of the home.

The requirement to register home-educated children provides no academic value, but rather adds an undue burden on the parents, which have already—gladly—chosen the monumental task of home-educating their children.

Home-educated children are statistically safer and academically superior to publicly educated children; why would the state have them absorbed into a failing system? Additionally, we have no need of the state's "model curricula and frameworks," which is aligned with the also-failing common core.

I emphatically request that you vote NO on this ruse of a bill which, intentionally or inadvertently, seeks to further restrict the freedoms which we have thus far enjoyed as home educators.

Sincerely,

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