

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to please **vote NO on S.B. 874**. We are very much opposed to the inclusion of new language that would require home educators to register their children with the department of education.

Additionally, we do not wish to have resources made available to us for public school curricula. We have no need for additional content to be provided by the state or cities.

With zero tax-funded resources, homeschoolers already:

- Score 15-30 points above public students on standardized tests
- Participate as adults in their communities 32 percentage points higher than general population
- 59% report as "very happy with life" vs. general population at 27.6%

The finances associated with their homeschooling likely represent over \$27 billion that American taxpayers do not have to spend, annually, since these children are not in public schools.

At this time of fiscal crisis in CT, the last thing we need to do is throw resources at a community that actually *needs no help*. Home schoolers are doing *better than average in every conceivable metric*, including in issues of safety, connectedness, and well-being. Additional legislation will cost tax payers money, do nothing to help, and mandate needless requirements and bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

Miles Jennings