

RE: SB 874, a bill regarding homeschooling.

To: Legislative education committee

I oppose this legislation for the following reasons:

- There is no problem that needs to be fixed. Homeschooling has a tremendous track record because it involves the ultimate parental involvement.
- The responsibility for raising a child and educating a child falls to the parents. While most parents delegate the task of education to the local school board and officials, homeschools accept the task themselves. Since the ultimate responsibility falls on the parent:
 - Local school officials are in reality hired professionals, not the bosses. They are not the boss and should be responsive to the concerns of parents. Yes, school officials are concerned about the education of their students, but the students are not their children and school officials need to be responsive to parents.
 - This bill is an attempt to increase government control over families. Government has no right to do this. Unfortunately, many school administrators want to be in control and “call the shots.” They fail to realize they are the employees, not the employer. Therefore:
 - How homeschooling parents educate their children is really no business of school administrators and school boards, because they are not responsible for students who are not in their schools.
- Common Core is a controversial curriculum with a questionable track record.