

February 27, 2019
RE: Section 17 and Section 18 of SB 874

Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut Education Committee,

I am writing to you with regards to the proposed language addition to Section 17 and Section 18 of SB 874. Respectfully I request that this proposed language addition not be added.

I am writing to you today to voice my concern about potential homeschool registration and a state issued common core curriculum.

The reason my husband and I decided to homeschool our son, was for the very fact we value educational freedom. Freedom to learn at my son's own pace, in a style that works best for him. Now, six years into our homeschooling experience, our son has thrived. The proposed language addition of sections 17 and 18 to SB 874 threatens to take away free thought and creativity in the homeschool environment, it is also an invasion of privacy.

Some of our greatest inventors, leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs were homeschooled in an unregulated home environment. These individuals were free to learn without restriction by the state or outside interference. People like Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein.

I'm trying to drive home the point that infringing upon the rights of a homeschool family is less about our children's well-being, or safety precautions and more about the state trying to gain control over something that for years has been successful.

My husband and I are respectfully asking you to please honor and respect our rights as Connecticut homeschoolers, and that sections 17 and 18 not be added to SB 874.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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