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Dear Education Committee Members,

I am opposed to the mandatory homeschool registration and the offering of "model" curriculum for homeschoolers (kindergarten through fourth grade age), as outlined in SB 874.

There is simply no need to make homeschool registration mandatory, especially as there are no requirements to have any periodic check-ins with the public schools. What would mandatory registration accomplish? It would accomplish nothing other than open the door to more regulations, more oversights, none of which are wanted in families who appreciate their parental rights and want nothing to do with any governmental control of their children's education.

I taught as an elementary public school specialist teacher for eight years. I was hard pressed to find educators within my own school of employment that implemented the "model" curriculum our very own administrators outlined! I found that most experienced teachers (both good and bad) taught in their own manner, their own curriculum, regardless of what administrators suggested...and got away with it! The administrators were so busy handling day-to-day behavior issues (or trying to keep up) that they rarely found the time to make educators comply/follow through with the curriculum outlines.

It is for this reason that I strongly oppose the offering of any so-called "model" curriculum for homeschoolers. One of the many reasons I and fellow homeschoolers left the public school system was to exercise our freedom of choice in the area of curriculum choosing. I find it ironic that this bill wants to suggest curriculums to people who are not asking for suggestions. In this day and age there are plenty of curriculums choose from, thanks to the help of the internet and homeschooling conventions.

These changes to the law do nothing to help homeschoolers, we are fine as we are! Thanks, but no thanks.

Sincerely,

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