

Dear Education Committee,

I am writing you today in regards to Senate Bill 874, specifically sections 17 and 18. I believe these sections are a direct infringement on our parental rights and freedoms, here in Connecticut.

Section 17 blatantly discriminates home educators when it targets only them to “register.” Section 18 seeks to control the “framework and curriculum” home educators provide their children with out of their own pockets. This section will only limit children's abilities and opportunities. Additionally, the department of education already struggles to care for the children of this state and pursuing these 2 sections of this bill would only increase funds that could be put to better use for the children of the CT public school system.

I have been proud to be part of a state that allows me to exercise my rights and teach my children what I see fit as a home educator but I am not impressed with these new regulations regarding our constitutional rights, being weaseled into this bill. Again, I oppose SB 874 and find Sections 17 and 18 to be discriminatory and completely unnecessary. Thank you for taking the time to read this and please contact me if you have any questions.

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