

SB 874, WRITTEN TESTIMONY, 2/28/19

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To: CGA Education Committee

We are against SB 874, sections 17 and 18. Here are our reasons:

**Section 17** creates an unnecessary burden on innocent families like our own by requiring us to take precious school time out of our day to appear and register. In addition we disagree with adding/training personnel, associated costs and raising of budgets and taxes to enact Section 17. Please note, that Connecticut is already one of the highest taxed states in the U.S. and that homeschooling families are statistically among the safest families.

**Section 18** stipulates that a “core curriculum” that **already exists** exists on the State website be “offered” to homeschooling families. We have no desire to “teach to the test” as is done in public schools with core curriculum, and wish to retain our freedom of curriculum for many reasons and stay separate from public schools. Homeschooled students consistently score higher academically than their public schooled peers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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