

Members of the Education Committee:

I am writing in opposition to sections 17 and 18 of Bill SB 874. I am a certified teacher in the state of CT with several years of public school teaching experience. I worked in a “failing” district. Unfortunately, I have seen students fall through the cracks and be passed from grade to grade. At the high school level, some students were even unable to read. Despite my best efforts to help, there were not enough resources to do so. This bill proposes that homeschoolers register with the public school system. As a homeschooling parent, I see no reason to register my children and further burden the public schools with unnecessary work.

No one is more invested in my children’s education than I am, and I feel it is completely unnecessary and potentially harmful to register with a school district. Why waste the public school resources to infringe upon our freedom? Homeschoolers do not need to report to a system that they do not utilize. There is just no reason for this which is why I absolutely oppose sections 17 and 18 of Bill SB 874, and believe homeschooling should be kept out of it.

Thank you,  
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