

I am providing this testimony to make it clear that i adamantly oppose Bill SB 874, specifically sec 17 and 18 pertaining to homeschooling. I am testifying as a life long resident of Connecticut, a registered voter and taxpayer but above all as a parent. A parent who values the choices and freedoms in education that we have in our state. I oppose Sb 874 as there has been no explanation as to why this is necessary or what benefits section 17 and 18 would serve for school districts, parents and most of all the children in the homeschooling community.

I have had children attend the public schools in our district and found that it did not meet the needs of my children determined to be gifted, nor did it meet the needs of my child who required special services due to being delayed. It also was a source of emotional turmoil for one child due to bullying. It was just not working for our family and I was happy to have the choice to homeschool where my children's needs could be individually met.

As a parent I am best suited to make the decisions on how to educate my children. SB 874 would require me to be involved in and report to a school system that not only did not fulfill my children's needs but does not have the knowledge in the particulars of what my children's current educational needs are. I do not see any benefit or purpose in yearly in person registration and am in no way interested in receiving curriculum from my district that has been proven in the past to not suit the educational needs of my children.

In conclusion ,despite searching for an answer on how SB 874 (sec 17&18) provides any benefit to all involved I have found none. Therefore I urge the board to vote no to SB 874.

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