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**Angelina Roche (homeschooler, age 14)**

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**Why homeschooling should stay the way it is.**

I have had the privilege of homeschooling my whole life. There are so many reasons why homeschooling should stay the way it has always been but I have picked a few important ones.

Facts about homeschooling:

1. There are over 2.3 million homeschooled students in the United States<sup>1</sup>.
2. Homeschooling gives us a safer environment because you can choose the people you are around, which limits drugs, alcohol, and racism.
3. Homeschooling also gives you the chance for a stronger faith in your religion. Public schools do not spend enough time on religious studies and also may not teach your religion.
4. Colleges are now searching for homeschoolers to attend their college because of the great education we get.
5. The environment is so much better for our youth, I have friends who go to public school and they often complain about the things they deal with such as fights, drugs, bullying and drama. By passing this bill you are making it harder for people to homeschool and making it easier to put children in this environment.
6. You have more activity opportunities because you are not always sitting at a desk.
7. You can spend more time with your family.

For these reasons and many more homeschooling should remain the way it is.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.nheri.org/research-facts-on-homeschooling/>

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## Karen Roche (Home school Mother)

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I am in strong opposition of SB 874, Homeschool Registration Act! I have homeschooled my four children their whole lives. We have always used a strong, classical curriculum that teaches what our fore fathers have learned. Homeschooling teaches self discipline without all of the stresses of going to school. We are free to learn! This is America after all! These are my children and I am their Mother, after all. I truly do not need nor want the state to dictate how I should raise my beautiful children.

I also have been a successful business owner in the state of Connecticut for over 30 years. I have paid lots of taxes including property taxes on my two homes. Not once have I ever been contacted to refund me the \$608,465 that I have saved my towns of West Hartford and Middle Haddam by not using the school systems. This number comes from

<http://ctschoolfinance.org/spending/per-student> stating that in the town of West Hartford it costs \$16,445 per student each year to send them to our public schools. I have four children with ages of 19, 14, 13, and 12. The total school age years equals 37.  $37 \times \$16,445 = \$608,465!!!!$  Do I get a refund? How about a percentage thanking me for taking that fiscal pressure off of the school system? I am open to negotiations. 😊

Seriously, leave families alone! The children that are homeschooled are exceeding in educational goals. My oldest is attending the University of Dallas almost with a full scholarship

all because of her hard work and good grades. My high school daughter will be graduating high school with an Associates Degree! DCF and The Board of Education want to regulate our

curriculum??? This is actually pretty comical. I have much experience with DCF and I am not sure if any of the employees have had any education (not all of course, but some)!!!!

Listen, Learn! Maybe we can all learn from each other.

God Bless,

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## **Niko Roche (homeschooler, age 12)**

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I like homeschooling because once you get your work done, you get the rest of the day to play and have fun. 😊

## **Versana Roche Diaz (age 19)**

### **(Homeschooler & Freshman at the University of Dallas)**

Homeschooling made me more of an independent thinker and more self motivated because I had to be accountable for myself (with the help of amazing people obviously). I had to be more self driven. This translates to my work ethic and even my relationships with people.

(Sorry so short...have to run...in between college classes). 😊

## **Christian Roche (homeschooler, age 13)**

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I am Free to Learn!