

Education Committee - Public Hearing - March 1 2019

In Opposition to sections 17-18 of SB 784

I want to start by saying "I get it"

I understand why you want to force homeschooling families to register with the public-school system every year. I understand your concern. You should be concerned. But its too late, the cat is out of the bag.

Every year more and more parents take the plunge and either remove their children from the disaster known as public schools, or never enroll them in the first place. Once parents (and children) get a taste of the wonderful freedom that comes from taking responsibility, there is no looking back.

"But how will they be socialized"? has become a bit of an inside joke in the homeschooling community. Parents know the real socialization challenge is avoiding the temptation to participate in a dozen enriching social activities every day of the week.

The Office of "child advocate" 's naked propaganda campaign last year gave us a reminder of what kind of people roam these halls. The Hartford courant front page top headline – "Hundreds Of Connecticut Children Home Schooled In Households Where Abuse, Neglect Suspected" three key words "Homeschooling" "abuse" "neglect". Its that word association that's important with our dumbed down culture, as no one will remember the article in a week but they will remember something about homeschooling having something to do with neglect. Good propaganda needs to be both subtle and simple.

It must burn you up knowing there are parents out there with the audacity to take responsibility for their own children. It must burn you up that these children are beyond your reach.

We know who you are. We want nothing to do with what you are selling. And again, I get it. I would be doing the same if I was in your shoes and I was determined to control other people's lives. Any govt power grab worth its salt starts with a registry. We know exactly where this registry will take us.

A quote from CS Lewis:

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience."

Whether you are a moral busybody or an aspiring tyrant, I want my family to have as little to do with you, and the system you control, as possible. Please just leave as alone.

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