

My name is Rebecca Smith and I oppose SB 874, Sections 17 and 18. Both of these sections infringe on my right as a parent to educate and raise my children in a secure, academic-rich environment. I strongly believe that registering homeschooling families is unnecessary, demeaning, and an underhanded way of declaring that parents are incapable of raising their children without help from DCF or other government agencies. Section 17 implies that children are more likely to be mistreated and abused in homeschooling families when research has shown the opposite to be true. I also feel that offering “model educational frameworks” is unnecessary and deprives me of my freedom to educate my children as I please. These frameworks may not be compulsory now, but it is one step closer to forcing me to use a state-mandated curriculum. I homeschool my children, in part, to avoid the curriculum used in Public Schools.

Please vote “NO” on SB 874 Sections 17 and 18.

Please give me the opportunity to educate and raise my children, as is my right, and refuse to treat caring, loving parents as criminals who must be registered in a system and monitored.

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