

Dear Honorable Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing to OPPOSE S.B. 874, specifically sections 17 and 18.

I am not a homeschooling mother, but I am pro-parental rights and pro-Constitution. My husband Peter and I met at the LOB in 2014 while advocating for Family Court reform, as we have had our parental rights already taken by the state. Because of this, any legislation that threatens parental rights will capture our attention.

The First Amendment guarantees our right and duty to educate our children. If we wish, we may outsource this duty to the state. If we choose not to, we homeschool.

The Fourth Amendment guarantees our right to be free from unwarranted, exploratory government searches. The in-person registration mandate opens the door for homeschooling parents to be investigated by the state for exercising their constitutional rights.

The Constitution state should uphold the First and Fourth Amendments and not allow SB 874 to move out of Committee. Please vote no on this bill and preserve the natural freedoms of your constituents.

Thank you,

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