

March 27, 2019

The Joint Education Committee

RE: Connecticut SB 874

Dear Senator or Representative (Ohio):

Please do not allow Section 17 and 18 of the Connecticut SB 874 to amend sections 10 – 184 and 10-16000 forcing parents to “personally appear at the school district office to sign a registration form indicating that such child would receive home instruction”; and make parents a “model curricula and frameworks” approved by the Department of Education for reading and mathematics in grades k-4 respectively.

Parents need the creative and intellectual freedom to tailor their children’s education to the nuances of their specific needs and development. By imposing these restrictive measures on home educators, you allow for the very stressors that plague the growth of the family dynamic and structure. Homeschooling is the foundation of familial bonds.

When parents are forced to be dictated to by an unscrupulous school district office worker not sensitive the rights of homeschoolers and lacking a clear understanding of policies that protect those rights, can inadvertently (and by misguided ignorance and, or prejudice) impede the processes by which parents are granted proper documents excusing their child(ren) from compulsory education. I am facing this ordeal with the Home School League Association (HSLDA) against the Columbus City School District in Columbus, Ohio.

April 1, 2019 is just around the corner and it is my prayer the Joint Education Committee would see with judicious eyes and fairness that requires sound judgement and sincerity of heart.

Respectful Regards,

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