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In Opposition of Proposed S.B. No. 874

An Act Concerning Education Initiatives and Services in Connecticut Public Hearing March 1, 2019

Dear Co-Chairs Senator McCrory, and Representative Sanchez, Ranking Members Senator Berthel and Representative McCarty and esteemed members of the Education Committee, I am writing to you today in opposition of **Senate Bill Number 874: An Act Concerning Education and Services in Connecticut.**

Sections 17 and 18 of Senate Bill 874 would negatively impact many of our citizens who decide to homeschool their children. I do not believe that we should add any infringements to our homeschoolers and this includes requiring them to register with their local school districts or changing their curriculum.

I support parents who chose to homeschool their children and believe that they have the right to educate their children as they see fit. Many people from my district have reached out to me expressing concern that this bill would negatively impact the way that they currently teach their children.

I do not believe that there has been any issues with the way that homeschooling works in our state so this would be an unnecessary change.

Thank you for your attention to this issue. I would ask you consider these thoughts when voting on this important legislation.