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To: Education Committee.

OPPOSE: H.B. 874 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT.

H.B. 874 is an unnecessary measure to impose on Connecticut families who are successfully educating their children without any regulations to register their desire to homeschool. This is a step in the wrong direction to make families who wish to homeschool their children, to have to visit a school to state their wish to education their children at home. This is a freedom that we living in the United States are entitled to. There are many joys of homeschooling our children one of which, is having the freedom to teach them in a biblical way. Another reason is that my husband and I, being their sole educators to teach them reading, writing and arithmetic, but also the key building blocks to lead a successful, Christian life when they leave the home to further their education at an University, if they choose to do so.

In addition, Lines 655-657 where the state suggests to provide a curriculum to homeschoolers that is similar to what public schools offer, would not benefit the individual learning styles of each child. Which is one of the many joys of homeschooling, catering a curriculum to fit the child’s needs with a lesson plan that they can excel in.

Please vote No on Regulation of Homeschool in H.B. 874.

Respectfully, Robbin Martin