Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent. I oppose sec 17 and 18 of SB 874. In the past, Connecticut has been a beautiful example of what a parent’s freedom to educate their own children looks like. It has been a joy to home educate here. Homeschool families plan to continue to enjoy this freedom. It’s working and does not need to be fixed.

It appears that families that educate their children at home are being targeted by those that wish to gain power. For what reason? It is a parent’s inalienable right to raise and educate their child.

I hope that instead of following proponents that wish to gain unnecessary control over families, Connecticut would continue to be a state that allows families to flourish in their own homes (if they wish) without the overreaching eye of the state.

Also, homeschool families have thousands of curriculums available to them. Since parents know their own child’s bent, they are able to choose curriculums based on their child’s learning style. As we all know, this leads to a better learning experience. We are not interested in the curriculum choices of the public school system.

I have three adult children that were educated at home. All three have gone on to higher education and are valuable members of their communities. Homeschooling works. The laws that are set in place do not need to be changed or added to.

Thank you for your time.

Warm Regards,

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