

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this testimony to declare my opposition to HB832. We are a homeschooling family with grave concerns over the consequences of this bill. HB832 gives power to only a few in a decision making process that involves many. The diversity of needs of the children that home school is vast so this bill will inevitably hurt our community.

Our family started homeschooling due to our daughter being left behind in public school. She was having trouble keeping pace. We though long and hard about our decision to home school because we weren't sure what was to come. We took the challenge and started working on our own curriculum and it worked! Based on our experience we have seen our child flourish when given an opportunity to learn in an environment where she feels comfortable and has one on one attention. Other families have different stories and ways that their children are flourishing under homeschooling. We are certainly grateful.

This bill will change that. A small number of people making decisions for such a diverse community is unjust. The children involved will suffer from it because they are children that thrive on individualized attention. I oppose this bill along with a very large number of other home school families. Please hear us.

Sincerely,
Naomi Sullivan