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To: Delegate Ruth

### Concerning the Creation of a Homeschool Advisory Council in Maryland

As a student, I have seen firsthand the beauty of homeschooling. The homeschooling community is widespread, including many different families from all walks of life. Homeschooling gives parents the freedom to teach their own children how they see fit, giving individualized teaching to each student. Homeschooling brings a diversity of beliefs, views, and methods to the education system in Maryland. However, there is at least one thing all homeschooling parents agree upon. Parents should keep the liberty to teach their children as they see fit. This council is not necessary to do that. Those beliefs, views, and methods previously mentioned would be thrown out the window. Diversity in the homeschooling community could cease. Families who choose to homeschool are flourishing without government assistance.

Therefore, think twice before creating this council. As a homeschooled highschooler, I have seen the benefits that homeschooling brings to the lives of those who choose it. This council will inhibit families from reaching these benefits.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Lyla Grove