

## **Oppose HB 832**

As a homeschooling mother, I strongly oppose HB 832. This will not serve my interests and adds another layer of government bureaucracy to the homeschooling environment. If special interest groups want more diversity and representation, they can form groups and reach out to lawmakers. But to create an artificial advisory group and pretend that it represents the interests of all homeschooling parents is deceitful at the very least.

I don't trust the Maryland Homeschool Association or any group that claims to represent all parents to be equitable to all parent interests. This selective pick and choose of people on the advisory council is not open or transparent.

These advisory councils are often the vehicle that special interest groups use to ram through more regulations and requirements on parents. COMAR regulations are sufficient and our family follows them thoroughly.

If Delegate Ruth wants to hear from homeschooling parents, she should set up townhall meetings and other meeting opportunities. This is nothing more than a power grab over homeschooling under the guise of "help."

Sincerely,

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