

March 1, 2022

Dear Delegate Sheila Ruth,

Please withdraw H.B. 832.

While well-intended, this bill would create a quasi-official source for information on homeschooling, which would, in turn, minimize the effectiveness of homeschool groups and individual advocates. An advisory council is not necessary to maintain homeschool liberty. An abundance of innovative, privately funded, and often volunteer-run organizations currently study and meet the needs of the homeschooling community. Thus, a small minority of individuals making up an official advisory council to represent the many homeschooling families and their individual reasons for homeschooling here in Maryland would do more harm than good in the future.

Thank you for listening and your service to the citizens of Maryland.

Regards,
S. Sparks