

Good evening, Delegate Ruth,

I am a homeschool parent and I'm writing to ask you to withdraw HB832, as I do not feel it would be in the best interests of the homeschool communities of Maryland. I am sure that you have the best of intentions with this bill, but ultimately, it will not serve its intended purpose. It comes down to the difference between "potentially" and "realistically". Potentially, a committee could be appointed to represent the best interests of homeschool families. Realistically, it would serve to invite more government intrusion and regulation. The best government is that which governs least.

Speaking for my family, and every other homeschooling family that I've ever met, I can confidently say that we do not want any sort of government assistance, influence or representation. It is NOT needed and NOT wanted. We took our children out of public school precisely for that purpose. The current homeschool system in Maryland is working well and does not need to be "improved" upon. I completely reject any sort of government involvement in how I educate my children, even if that involvement is presumably in our best interests. I do not believe the government can ever represent my children's interests better than I can. A government-appointed committee of homeschool parents is not wanted and not needed. Please withdraw this bill.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Rotunda (Maryland homeschool parent)