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*Via Witness Signup: <u>https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/MyMGATracking/WitnessSignup</u> Maryland General Assembly House Ways and Means Committee 131 Taylor House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401* 

Re: Please OPPOSE House Bill 832 - State Homeschool Advisory Council

Dear Members of the House Ways and Means Committee: This bill to establish a State Homeschool Advisory Council is not necessary and is requested to be voted UNFAVORABLE.

My family is a member of the homeschooling community in Maryland. We have been instructing successfully in Maryland for over twelve years. During that time period, whenever we have had any issues or concerns regarding the state or county, we have addressed them directly to our local Board of Education and/or our county and state representatives. I believe that the establishment of an Advisory Council will dilute our voice and will become an obstacle. I do not believe that it is necessary. Therefore, I ask that you oppose HB832 and vote UNFAVORABLE.

Respectfully,

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