Unfavorable Testimony to HB0832 – Maryland Homeschool Advisory Council

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Hello, my name is Chelsea Albright and I am a homeschooling parent in Anne Arundel County. I am opposed to HB0832 to establish a Maryland Homeschool Advisory Council. This bill would take away the essential voice of homeschoolers and put the power entirely in the hands of the council. The council has no accountability to the homeschool community and is answerable only to itself. The council is not required to be transparent to the homeschool community and homeschoolers have no veto power over council actions or decisions. The bill does not enforce the council to include homeschoolers in their decision making. In short, this council would be detrimental to the voices of actual homeschoolers and homeschool liberties in Maryland. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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