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## Statements Written in Opposition to HB0832

### Education - Maryland Homeschool Advisory Council - Establishment

I oppose HB0832 for the following reasons.

1. There's no guarantee in the law that would require MSDE to include the voices of homeschooling families.
2. The council would have no accountability to the homeschooling community, and would effectively cut out the democratic representation of this community.
3. There's no language requiring that the council be transparent (also an accountability problem).
4. There's no way for those affected by this council to provide veto oversight, nor ways of choosing who is on the council or removing council members.
5. Finally, there's no language requiring that MSDE act in good faith with homeschooling families.

I'm unclear why this bill is even being brought to the floor. What is problem that it tries to address, and the rationale for this undemocratic solution?