

Ways and Means Committee,

I oppose HBO832 because as a homeschooler it scares me. Bills rarely turn out favorable for homeschoolers. Anyone could say something to this committee (that couldn't possibly represent all homeschoolers), like the teacher's union, and then those bad choices would be forced upon the homeschool community. We will represent ourselves. Representatives are supposed to represent their constituents. This isn't about voting party lines, but about voting in a way that represents the constituents. This bill should have been withdrawn before it ever got to this point, had Delegate Ruth been concerned about representing the people of Maryland.

This bill is something we don't need. A "homeschool Advisory Council" is vague. The bill is vague. It will unfairly hurt the homeschool community. I know plenty of people who have decided which states to move to or not move to based on homeschool laws, and Maryland will go from an "okay" state to a "stay away from" state. Maryland might not get money from my kids since they don't attend school, but you still make a lot of money off all our taxes. Do you really want to lose constituents? Do you really want to hurt the homeschool community?

This bill is unnecessary. Homeschool parents already follow laws in Maryland. This bill will take away our liberties as parents.

Please oppose this bill.

Thank You,

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