

Maryland General Assembly
Ways & Means Committee
Del. Vanessa E. Atterbeary, Chair
Del. Alonzo T. Washington, Vice Chair
House Office Building, Room 131
Annapolis, MD 21401

Delegates Atterbeary and Washington:

I am writing today as a Catholic Christian, a husband, a father, and a resident of Harford County and the State of Maryland. And a homeschooling parent who is deeply concerned about HB 832.

My wife and I both attended government-run schools. We had good experiences, back in the 1990's and 2000's. No complaints. But times have changed, and we decided to begin homeschooling a few years ago for a bunch of different reasons - none of which are relevant to this conversation.

We have read the bill and we see no benefit - none! - in its passage. It certainly won't help homeschooling parents or children. As best I can tell, it's an open-ended invitation for more government oversight. Our homeschooling community here in Harford County does not need or want more government oversight; neither would our children benefit from such a thing. We have a thriving community of people who love God, their families, and our Lord.

What we want is to be left alone, to bring our children up the way we see fit. Not according to the whims of a bureaucrat in Annapolis or Baltimore.

I urge you to vote against HB 832. Our families and our children need freedom and flexibility. Not more "advice" from Annapolis.

Sincerely,

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CC. Del. Mike Griffith, Del. Teresa Reilly, Sen. Jason Gallon