

I oppose HB0832 because it has many flaws. One of the most obvious is that the homeschool community has no say in actually selecting the members of the council; self-nomination is no guarantee of selection. The council is unlikely in future years to select new members who have radically different views from the then-current council. So large minorities of homeschoolers will have no voice on this council.

Because of human nature, the council will automatically be seen as the official voice of Maryland homeschooling, which will lessen the force of any other group of homeschoolers who wish to be heard. The 16 members of the council will have replaced the voices of thousands of homeschool families.

These are only two reasons I strongly OPPOSE HB0832.

Thank you,

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