

March 1, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam

I oppose House Bill 832 because:

The homeschooling community in Maryland is very diverse. It includes homeschool support via organizations, co-ops, umbrellas, and tutorials. It includes support in core academics, electives, and sports.

Maryland homeschooling families do not need government assistance; we have thrived in this state with the COMAR regulations as they stand today, they are reasonable and good.

Our family has successfully homeschooled two students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Our oldest is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in Chemistry. Our second will be graduating in May from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County with two degrees, one in Animation and one in Art and Custom Prosthetic Design (INDS degree). Our youngest, a junior in high school will no doubt be an accomplished graduate as well.

We have taken advantage of the homeschool supports available in Maryland with great success.

Homeschooling families want to guide their children in the ways that are best for them. Parents know them best and know what is best for them.

I don't want to see an advisory committee deciding what is best for my children. We made the best decisions for our children because we know them best while utilizing what Maryland has to offer without the need of an advisory committee.

Please OPPOSE House Bill 832

Sincerely

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