

Maryland's homeschool laws are sensible. They affirm a parent's responsibility to provide for their child/children's education.

The homeschool community continues to grow. Numerous homeschool organizations and resources are available to support families seeking to connect. For example, you'll find homeschooled children in 4-H, YMCA programs, gymnastics, youth sports, theater, chess clubs, meet-ups, and various field trips.

You may have already witnessed the strong socialization skills that come from such wide exposure to various age groups, races, and economic statuses. Indeed, homeschoolers rarely feel bound to interact well only with their same age peers or other groupings.

Maryland's homeschool laws are sensible. Parents can provide their children with a wide range of opportunities. The established "guardrails" are reasonable, and parents are confident that their voices are heard.

Please REJECT HB832. Although I believe this bill was likely born from good intentions, it would doubtless amplify the voices of its appointees at the expense of all the other homeschool voices.

Homeschooling parents are well aware that stakes are high, and we are our children's best advocates. Please don't diminish our voices. Please voice to REJECT HB832.

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