

H.B. 832
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Proposed House Bill 832 poses a grave long-term danger to educational freedom for homeschoolers. Grassroots organizations of parents and advocates are at the heart of homeschooling. The voices of these organizations will likely be silenced by this bill. As a homeschooling parent, my needs are already amply met through existing non-government resources. The selection of the board members by the Maryland Department of Education is also a serious concern. These members will not adequately represent typical homeschool families. Finally, a bill such as this is a feared gateway to increased regulation of homeschoolers. Maryland law already provides adequate regulation for homeschoolers and no more regulation is needed or desired by homeschooling families.