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To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing today to voice our concerns with HF874. We have been homeschoolers for 14 years, with two college graduates so far from our home. We don't think we can say much better what MACHE has stated in their , especially Using the term

“fundamental right” does violence to a correct notion of what fundamental rights are, and would suggest that a child who received a private education was being denied a fundamental right.

The words “quality” and “fully prepare” imply unless a child is in a public education system this perhaps is not possible. A quality education can be and is being received by homeschoolers as shown by the test scores homeschoolers generally achieve. But beyond test scores, homeschoolers parents take this work seriously and see quality in terms of grades, social skills, a broad knowledge base etc. No entity can “fully prepare” a student for anything. We as homeschoolers hope to ignite the fire of learning in our children so they have the desire to learn and research new information. We can't possibly teach them everything, no school can, but we can foster lifelong learning or deep learning for a subject and not just to learn it for a test.

While the authors of HF874 may feel their point in this is altruistic, It opens up to much to murky interpretation and may place the state in more control of/than the family.

Thank you for your time,
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