

House Education Committee

May 18, 2026

Re: bill H8531

Dear members of the House Education Committee:

I am Kristin Offiler from Warwick district 3507, and I'm a member of the EnrichRI homeschool organization.

I oppose House bill H853. As a secular, homeschooling parent in Rhode Island, I feel that law-abiding homeschooling families like mine should not be subjected to additional oversight because of isolated cases. Additionally, the language in this bill is vague and nonspecific, which would allow for inconsistent decisions rather than clear standards.

Homeschooling our child has been a gift for our family. It has allowed us to be deeply involved in our child's secular education, and we have befriended an incredible, supportive, and engaged community of homeschooling families here in Rhode Island. My child is thriving thanks to homeschooling. Added barriers to homeschooling could harm children who need immediate educational changes.

I urge you to vote against bill H8531.

Sincerely,

Kristin Offiler