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My name is Cari Rogers. I am the founder and director of Anchor Christi homeschool cooperative program in Springfield, MO. As a veteran home Springfield homeschool community, I field questions from people withd schools. Many times, a school professional will tell parents that the law Declaration of Enrollment to be filled out in order to finalize withdrawal. the verbiage "may", indicating the signing of such is optional. Districts mark students absent and eventually will send truancy letters to parents exercising their rights to refuse to sign an optional form. However, this these new-to-homeschooling parents to deal with. The most recent help parent was this past January, withdrawing from Ozark. This parent was steered in the direction of someone that could help. Many parents begin with nothing but bully tactics from the local public school and - being ne know where to find help. RSMo 167.042 provides no end of headaches if from the public school without coercion, therefore I support the repeal of the addition of "probable cause" pursuant to home education enforcem- there is always probable cause before an investigation is begun. Howev verbiage of "probable cause" one could argue that none is technically ne stablished, since the inception of our Bill of Rights, to have probable cause searches and seizures. Adding the language to our existing statute of 10	e educator and rawing from the REQUIRES a fo This is not true will sometimes s. I often help pa is a very stress o I've given a loo fortunate enoug their home edu ew to homesche for parents wish of it in HB31.I al ent. We like to a ver, without the beeded. It has lo cause against un	leader in the bir local public ormal Written 2. 167.042 uses then continue to arents navigate ful thing for cal homeschool gh to have been ucation journey ooling - don't hing to withdraw so find favor in assume that addition of the ong been nreasonable



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the homeschooling of my own children and was unable to attend in person, so I very much appreciate the ability to testify online in writing. I would welcome any committee member to contact me via phone, text, or email if I can answer any questions. Thank you.



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there is neglect before he can start working against a homeschool family. I have known several people in Wright County who got intimidating letters from the prosecuting attorney just because they homeschooled. They hadn't done anything wrong. They just withdrew their kids from the school to homeschool. He wrongfully sent them letters trying to intimidate them out of that choice. That's not ok. We should be free to make the best choice for our family without fear of the law being used against us unfairly.



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Testimony RegardingMissouri House Bill No. 31Kim Quon, Region 5 Director and Assistant to the Executive Director of Families for Home Education (FHE)Mister Chairman and Committee Members:My				

name is Kim Quon, and I am the Families for Home Education Region 5 Director over the St Louis, St Charles and surrounding counties area and Assistant to the Executive Director. Families for Home Education is a statewide homeschool organization for Missouri since 1983. My husband and I home educated our children through to graduation. Both have successfully graduated college with honors, and both are planning to pursue master's degrees in the near future. I'm here today in support of the bill. FHE supports the bill language for probable cause. As the law currently reads, SOME prosecutors think it's a green light to launch an investigation of any family that withdraws from public school. Current law does not explain the threshold of facts that needs to be met before starting an investigation. By adding the correct standard, probable cause, prosecutors will know that they can seek homeschool records only if there is FIRST evidence of a violation. For example, the mere act of withdrawing a child from public school does NOT create probable cause. Prosecutors work with the concept of probable cause every day, and it is well understood what it means.Next, let me address the repeal of RSMo 167.042 which has caused confusion and problems over the years. It says a homeschool family MAY file a "declaration of intent to homeschool." This filing is not mandatory and never has been. It says the purpose of the filing is to minimize unnecessary investigations, but it has had the opposite effect. It has spurred many unnecessary discussions and investigations. FHE has worked with numerous families over the years where the school would not unenroll the child even though the family did send the school a written notice to withdraw. Families with high school students have been told that the school would consider the teen a drop-out instead of a student transferring to another legal school option in Missouri. Families have been harassed that if they do not fill out the school paperwork, again after sending the school their own written withdrawal, then the school would turn them over to the truancy officer. Here are some recent examples just since August of this school year:El Dorado Springs, Cedar County: While the family had already verbally told the school that they would be withdrawing, they received a letter from the court regarding truancy and an informational conference dated the day before withdrawing in writing. The principal even signed the family's written notice.Monett R-1. Barry/Lawrence Counties: The school refused to unenroll the student unless the parent signed the school letter of intent. The mom had already sent the school her written letter to withdraw, but the school continued to count the child absent until they received their school letter. FHE guided the mom in how to approach the school and explain 167.042 as optional, and it was eventually dropped.North Kansas City, Jackson County: The family sent their withdrawal letter to the school who acknowledged receipt; however, when she wanted to enroll her child into an accredited private school, the school refused to forward the records until the family signed the school letter of intent. After FHE talked to the school explaining the statute, the school emailed the family to let them

know the records had been sent and the student had been transferred. Palmyra R-1, Marion County: The family had originally withdrawn their children in 2018, then in 2020 the school wanted them to sign the letter of intent again. Then again in November 2024, the school wanted the family to sign the letter of intent stating that they are "required by the state to verify any student living within the district's boundaries who is being homeschooled..... This information assists our district in required data filing with the state." The family has once again refused to sign the letter since they had withdrawn years ago.Sedalia. Pettis County: The family sent the school their withdrawal letter to the school superintendent; however, they also were contacted by the school to sign the school letter of intent to officially drop the child from their rolls. In case it was a situation where the school had not received the information from the superintendent yet, FHE advised the mom to email the school a copy of her letter. The situation was dropped. Springfield, Greene County: The family had elected to withdraw to homeschool, but to continue some part time classes at the school. The school wanted her to sign their letter of intent, but FHE advised her to send her own letter including the agreement of when the children would be at the school with times and classes. That way it was all in writing. As far as we know, the school accepted her letter. Twin Rivers R-10, Butler County: The family had already sent their withdrawal letter, but the school still insisted that they fill out the school letter of intent. FHE advised her to email the school back stating that her letter was sufficient, and the matter was resolved. Normandy, St Louis County: The family turned in their own signed withdrawal letters for their children, but were instructed that they must see the McKinney-Vento Coordinator for the correct letter of intent and to get approval to homeschool, which has never been required by law. The family also is not homeless, so it was unclear why they needed to see this Coordinator. However, the issue was resolved once FHE contacted the principal and Coordinator to clarify the law. There are many other cases similar to these, with many resolved through FHE guiding the family through a conversation with the school and not always requiring intervention on the family's behalf. Public schools chronically, habitually misunderstand and misapply 167.042. This pointless statute is the single biggest source of conflict between the homeschool community and the public-school community.When the Missouri legislature enacted the optional declaration of enrollment in 1986, its intent was to reduce headaches, reduce confusion, and reduce unnecessary investigations. You can see by this sampling of issues just since August 2024 that it has accomplished exactly the opposite of what was intended creating unnecessary frustration, confusion, and time ill spent. I respectfully ask that you vote yes on HB 31 and help end the confusion and harassment that RSMo 167.042 has unintentionally caused over the years and include the probable cause standard for the local prosecuting attorneys.



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Association is the nation's oldest and larg public interest association working for the community at large.l write to urge your su today. The bill will achieve two significant investigations of home school families an that a prosecuting attorney's access to the situations in which there is probable caus Prosecutors are familiar with this standard diminish situations I see frequently where because they have withdrawn a child from logic to spend resources investigating a fa school program, but I have seen this patter years during which I have represented suc intimidation. No court case was ever filed surrendering their hopes of home schooli will prevent this. The second improvement archaic feature of the law has truly never purpose is to "minimize unnecessary inve have seen many situations in which a sch prosecutor." This is a routine practice in a is mandatory, when it is clearly only volun 167.042 is based on the false premise that homeschool. Our country has moved past homeschools. If RSMo 167.042 ever provid live only to stimulate unjust intimidation a support.Sincerely,Scott A. Woodruff, Direct	e benefit of our 95,000 m pport for HB 31, which improvements which w d family paced education e records those families to believe there has be d and work with it daily. a prosecutor launches n public school in order amily only because the ern repeated many time ch families, it has seem in those cases. Sadly, ng their children. This t is the repeal of the opt served any purpose. Will estigations," it has actua ool official says, "File t some counties. In effect ta family ought to be in t the point where we cas ded any benefit, it certa and investigations of far	nember families and is set for a hearing in ill discourage unjust on school families.Th s are required to keep eeen a violation of the Adding this familiar an investigation of a to homeschool the c y have chosen to initi s. In all the cases ov ed to me that it was r a few families were fu is unjust. Requiring p tional "declaration of hile RSMo 167.042 sa ally done precisely th he notice or we will re t, the officials act as amily MAY file the dev vestigated if they cho st accusing glances a inly does no longer.	the homeschool the committee accusations and e bill specifies o is limited to a law. threshold will family only hild. It defies iate a home er the last 25 merely a tool of rightened into probable cause enrollment." This ys that its he opposite. I efer you to the if the declaration claration).RSMo pose to at anyone who It continues to



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categories of home education (homeschoolers and FPE) to allow FPEs to get public funding then there needs to be some accountability for FPEs. We believe FPE should be removed from the bill. Other entities receiving public funding have accountability, so should FPE.



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I am writing to express my opposition to homeschool protections. As a member of know you hold stake in the education of would further solidify a lack of accounta of the most lenient homeschool policy, w neglect hotline made to the local child pr request to an attorney in hopes that they process, there is no regular documentat receiving an education in the home. I know meet every standard, and I personally kn satisfactory education in the home. How school and file the necessary paperwork Missouri educators know: in our state, a under the compulsory attendance age to latest data concerning homeschooling in record of homeschool students. However suggests that homeschool rates have m 2024). Now, more than ever, this issue no accountability between the homeschool for homeschool such as yearly standard school district. While the current Missour attually receiving instruction. From my p that many of them are not. House Bill 31 more difficult for child protection agenci families, further enabling many families illusion that voting down House Bill 31 w homeschooling. However, it could begin holding parents accountable for their ch	of the Committee of Eleme Missouri's students, and bility for homeschooling with the only possibility o rotective service, and that y would file to view the fa- ion or assessment review ow that many families in how high school graduate ever, this is not the case a to homeschool. The und withdrawal to homeschool of op out of school. While missouri, I cannot, as M er, a private study of Miss ore than doubled since the eds to be addressed, and family and the state.Othe ized testing, and regular in place to regularly che cosition as an intern in a proposes changes to the es to request or access h to continue to not educat vill fix Missouri's lack of r a larger conversation ab	entary and Second the changes prop families. Missouri f accountability be t agency investig mily's documenta ved to ensure stud Missouri are truly es who received a for all students w lerlying issue is a tool is often a legal e I would love to to issouri does not do ouri's homeschool d measures put in er states have poli review of docume d for how many at eck in and ensure public school dist oureschool docume their children. I egulation when it	dary Education, I posed in this bill i currently has some eing an educational ating and making a tion. Aside from that dents are truly doing their best to thorough and ho withdraw from truth that all way for students update you with the currently keep any bled population lemic (Shelton & Hitt, n place to maintain icies and procedures entation by the local reas of instruction students are trict, I can tell you would make it even mentation from the am not under the comes to



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I was never investigated, but when I withdrew my children from the public school, I was told I had to					

sign their letter of intent, even though I had brought them my own letter of intent to homeschool.