

Representatives, my name is Mat Rapoza. My mother and her family immigrated here to seek a better life and have the freedom to make choices that we feel is best for our family. HB 3063 takes that freedom away by taking our rights to our children's education, simply because of a sincerely held belief.

The obvious argument to my statement is that parents can have their children home-schooled. However, this is discriminatory. *Brown v. Board of Education*, though focused on racial discrimination, Chief Justice Warren indicated that "segregated schools are inherently unequal", violating the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Applying this same rational, saying that a child may receive homeschooling instead of a public education is also "inherently unequal", is a form of segregation, and therefore also violating the 14th amendment. If this bill passes, many parents will not have the education, income, or other means to provide an "equal" opportunity for education due to their sincerely held belief. Many families fled California when similar legislation passed there.

In fact, if this bill passes, I am not honestly not sure what my family will do. We are a two-income household. With the high costs of housing, we do not have the resources to have one parent provide homeschooling while the other works. We demand to have "equal access" to schooling as other children. Our beliefs should be respected and not discriminated against.