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**HOMESCHOOLERS ACROSS NEW JERSEY OVERWHELMINGLY  
OPPOSE BILL A4033**

Trenton, NJ, January 12, 2004 — Today at 11:30 a.m., state homeschool leaders will hold a press conference in the room across from the Senate chambers to address some of the reasons for their opposition to A4033. Topics will include academic statistics, physical exams, the failure and culpability of DYFS, financial issues, and the stellar, long-term history of home education in the state of New Jersey.

Homeschoolers say that the bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg (D-37), diverts attention away from DYFS and its role in an alleged NJ child abuse case that has received national attention. Further, it will open a Pandora's box of intrusive regulation, forcing their families to comply with requirements that families of public- and private-schooled children are not obligated to fulfill. They are adamantly opposed to any legislation and are working together closely to have this bill withdrawn or defeated.

Homeschooling has been proven to be an effective means of preparing children for college, career and life. Homeschool parents want to raise their children in a safe, nurturing and supportive environment without any bureaucratic intrusion. Published national research shows that parents are doing admirably using the one-on-one tutorial method of homeschooling — the method advocated by many education experts.

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