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## Accusations and Regulations

The child welfare system in most states is in shambles. Its corruption and messiness costs lives as children are lost in paperwork, shipped off to abusive homes, and left to die in basements. New Jersey is no different and its recent high-profile case involving four adopted boys who were found starving to death last fall has many states asking "who should be held accountable?" Democratic Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg found a fall guy, and true to liberal form, it's an independent, grassroots movement called homeschoolers. Her illogical conclusion to blame homeschooling was reached after it became known that the abusive parents allegedly home-schooled the starving children. What about the fact that child welfare officials claimed to have visited the boys' New Jersey home 38 times in the past four years and no one thought to remove a grossly starved 45 pound 19 year old?! It's obvious that this horrific tragedy is the result of zero accountability on the part of shameless government social workers. Yet liberals, who have long been threatened by people's independence, are using this situation to impose their prejudiced regulations on self-sufficient homeschool-ers.

Last week, Assemblywoman Weinberg introduced an anti-homeschooling bill that imposes yearly academic testing and medical exams on home-schooled students. Citing this New Jersey case as the reason behind her overreaching policy, this bill tramples on existing federal laws that prohibit states from requiring homeschoolers to take the state assessment designed for public school students. Never mind that neither public nor private school students are subject to such health regulations, the State Board of Education would be given unprecedented authority over homeschoolers.

In an effort to prohibit the government from wrongly punishing homeschoolers for the sins of an abused child welfare system, Chairman of the House Human Resources Subcommittee Wally Herger (R-Chico) is holding hearings to expose how these children's abuses went unnoticed. Punishing America's independent homeschooling movement just because it threatens liberals' regulatory way of life will not solve the horrific unaccountability that plagues our nation's child welfare systems. This logic hasn't escaped liberals, but a chance to smother the homeschooling movement has proved to be too enticing for them to pass up.

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