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Reconsidering Homeschooling Regulations: A Call for Educational Reform

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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to advocate for a reconsideration of homeschooling regulations in light of the increasing number of families opting to homeschool their children. It's evident that a significant portion of parents feel that the traditional school system and the Australian curriculum do not align with their values, prompting them to choose homeschooling as an alternative.

Rather than forcing the curriculum on homeschooling families, I urge the committee to direct its attention towards examining the current state of schools and the curriculum itself. It's essential to address the underlying reasons why families are turning to homeschooling and to explore avenues for reform within the traditional education system.

As parents, we know our children better than anyone else, and we are committed to doing what's best for their education and well-being. Imposing restrictions on homeschooling families only serves to undermine our autonomy and fails to address the root causes of dissatisfaction with the traditional school system.

History has shown us that forcing solutions onto people rarely yields positive results in the long run, as evidenced by the challenges faced during the pandemic and other periods of history. Instead, let us work together to create a more flexible and responsive education system that meets the diverse needs of all students, whether they choose traditional schooling or homeschooling.

I urge the committee to prioritize collaboration and dialogue with homeschooling families to find constructive solutions that benefit all stakeholders involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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