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To: Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee **Subject:** Fwd: Advocating for Informed Legislation on Homeschooling

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Dear Committee Members,

Homeschooling my six children has revealed the flaws of conventional education and the power of personalized learning. By addressing each child's unique needs, I have cultivated academic excellence, emotional resilience, and social growth. It emphasizes the importance of diverse educational options that prioritize flexibility and individuality, advocating for a more inclusive educational landscape.

I firmly believe that without lived experience, it is challenging to fully grasp the intricacies of homeschooling and to understand what legislative measures are truly needed to ensure homeschooled children receive a quality education. It is not merely about enforcing rigid curriculum requirements but rather about fostering an environment that empowers parents to provide personalized, holistic education tailored to their children's individual needs and aspirations.

I oppose the proposed legislation's mandate to adhere strictly to a specific curriculum. Education is not forcing all students to follow a predetermined curriculum that overlooks the diverse needs and learning styles of individual children. It is essential to maintain flexibility in educational approaches, allowing parents to choose curricula that best suit their children's unique needs, interests, and learning goals. By preserving this flexibility, we empower parents to provide personalized education that fosters their children's growth and development effectively.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to approach homeschooling legislation with a deep appreciation for the lived experiences of homeschooling families and a commitment to ensuring that all children have access to a quality education that meets their unique needs. By listening to the voices of homeschooling parents and advocating for policies that promote flexibility, autonomy, and inclusivity, we can create a more equitable and responsive educational system for all.

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Sincerely,

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