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Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my deep concern to the proposed legislation that seeks to impose restrictive measures on homeschooling families. I do not support the legislation proposal, as it undermines the autonomy and effectiveness of homeschooling in meeting the unique needs of our children.

It is essential to recognise that homeschooling families do not seek to replicate the traditional school system at home. Rather, we embrace the opportunity to provide a personalised, holistic education that aligns with our children's unique needs, interests, and learning styles. This approach fosters a love of learning, encourages critical thinking, and nurtures individual talents and passions.

Our children not only are acquiring academic knowledge but also developing essential life skills and values that are essential for success in the real world. They are learning how to communicate effectively, and adapt to new situations—all skills that will serve them well beyond the confines of a classroom. Moreover, homeschooling allows my children to actively participate in the world around them, gaining practical experience and insight that simply cannot be replicated in a traditional school setting. Whether it's volunteering in the community, pursuing hobbies and interests, or engaging in real-world projects, they are actively preparing for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to recognise and celebrate the diverse benefits of homeschooling, which go beyond mere academic achievement. As a homeschooling parent, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to nurture my children's love of learning and to prepare them for the complexities of the real world through personalised, holistic education.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective.

Kind regards

Kym Stiller