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Dear Di Farmer MP and Esteemed Committee Members,

I am writing to share my heartfelt pride and admiration for the homeschooling journey undertaken by my grandchildren and their parents. As someone who initially held traditional views on education, I must confess that I once laughed at the notion of homeschooling. However, witnessing the incredible growth and development of my grandchildren through this educational path has completely transformed my perspective.

My two homeschooled grandchildren, aged twelve and six are beautiful examples of the success and fulfillment that homeschooling can offer. They possess a remarkable intellect, nurtured by their parents' dedication to selecting the relevant engaging and enriching educational materials. I have had the joy of witnessing their love for learning blossom as they eagerly delve into the books and resources chosen with care by their parents.

What truly sets my grandchildren apart is their ability to think independently and critically. They exhibit a level of maturity and self-assurance that is truly remarkable for their age. Moreover, their behaviour is exemplary, reflecting the values instilled in them through their homeschooling experience.

As a proud Grandmother, I cannot help but marvel at the confident, curious, and well-rounded individuals my grandchildren have become. Their homeschooling journey has empowered them to embrace their uniqueness and forge their own paths in life.

I share this testimonial not only as a proud Grandmother but also as a testament to the transformative power of homeschooling. It is my sincere hope that policymakers, like yourselves, will recognize and appreciate the invaluable contributions of homeschooling to the educational landscape.

Thank you for your attention to my testimonial, and I trust that it will serve as a source of inspiration as you consider the future of education in our community.

With warm regards,

Lesley Stoddard

Proud Grandma

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