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Dear Committee members,

I am reaching out to you with a heavy heart and a deep sense of concern regarding recent discussions surrounding homeschooling regulations. As a homeschooling parent, I am passionate about the well-being and educational journey of my child, and I implore you to consider the profound impact these proposed changes may have on families like mine.

Choosing to homeschool our child was not a decision made lightly. It was born out of a deep love and commitment to providing her with an educational experience that honors her unique needs, interests, and potential. We wanted her to thrive in an environment where she could learn at her own pace, delve deeply into subjects that ignited her curiosity, and explore the world around her with boundless enthusiasm.

Since embarking on our homeschooling journey, we have witnessed a remarkable transformation in our child. She is happier, more engaged, and filled with a sense of joy and wonder for learning that we had feared was fading in traditional school settings.

Through homeschooling, we have been able to nurture her love for learning and cultivate her natural talents in ways that would not have been possible within the confines of a standardized curriculum.

While the Australian curriculum may work for some children, it does not cater to the diverse needs and learning styles of every child. For our family, homeschooling has provided a lifeline—a beacon of hope in a system that often fails to recognize and nurture the individual strengths and abilities of each child.

I urge you to listen to the voices of homeschooling families and consider the profound value of the personalized education we provide for our children. Our reporting and dedication to our children's education are not merely administrative tasks but a labor of

love—a testament to our unwavering commitment to their growth and development.

Please, do not let bureaucratic regulations stifle the heart of homeschooling—the freedom to nurture, inspire, and educate our children in a way that honors their uniqueness and celebrates their potential.

With hope and sincerity,

Emma Powney