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Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee To:

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Concerns regarding proposed changes

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Dear Committee Members.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum.

As a homeschooling parent of nine years, I firmly believe that these changes would undermine the very reasons why many families, including mine, have chosen homeschooling as the

preferred mode of education for my child.

The essence of homeschooling lies in the freedom it affords children to learn in a manner that aligns with their individual interests, abilities, and learning styles. By imposing a mandated curriculum, these proposed changes would impede my children's autonomy and hinder their

ability to pursue education in a way that best suits their needs and abilities.

One of the primary motivations for homeschooling is to provide my child with a personalized learning experience that fosters their intellectual curiosity and allows her to learn at her own pace. These new regulations threaten to restrict this flexibility and stifle their natural inclination

to explore and discover the world around them.

Furthermore, enforcing a standardized curriculum fails to recognize the diverse interests and talents of homeschooling students. It overlooks the fact that every child is unique and may thrive in different subject areas or learning environments. By imposing rigid educational requirements, we risk depriving our children of the opportunity to pursue their passions and develop their full potential.

In essence, these proposed changes would not only undermine the fundamental principles of homeschooling but also limit my children's ability to learn and grow in a way that honors their individuality and creativity. As a homeschooling parent deeply invested in my child's education, I urge the committee to reconsider these restrictive measures and instead focus on supporting families in providing a rich and diverse educational experience tailored to the needs of each child.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Home educating parent of 9 years.