

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to share my heartfelt pride and admiration for the homeschooling journey undertaken by my grandchild and her 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 grandchild through this educational path has completely transformed my perspective. My homeschooled grandchild aged eleven, is a shining example of the success and fulfillment that homeschooling can offer. She possesses a remarkable intellect, nurtured by her parents' dedication to selecting engaging and enriching educational materials. I have had the joy of witnessing her love for learning blossom as she eagerly delves into the books and resources chosen with care by her mother. What truly sets my grandchild apart is her ability to think independently and critically. She exhibits a level of maturity and self-assurance that is truly remarkable for her age. Moreover, her behaviour is exemplary, reflecting the values instilled in her through her homeschooling experience. As a proud grandmother, I cannot help but marvel at the confident, curious, and well-rounded individual my grandchild has become. Her homeschooling journey has empowered her to embrace her uniqueness and forge her own path 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, Natalie Milgate Proud Grandmother [REDACTED]

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Subject: Acknowledging the Value of Homeschooling

Dear Committee Members,

I would like to highlight a concerning implication in the discussion surrounding proposed changes to homeschooling legislation. There seems to be an assumption that parents who choose homeschooling may not be providing their children with a sufficient education compared to traditional schooling.

In reality, homeschooling is a deeply challenging path that requires a significant investment of time, energy, and resources from parents. The decision to homeschool often stems from a passionate commitment to ensuring that children receive the best possible education tailored to their individual needs.

Contrary to popular belief, homeschooling is not an easy way out; it requires dedication, creativity, and perseverance on the part of parents. The investment of time and effort in homeschooling demonstrates a profound commitment to the educational success and well-being of children.

It is essential to recognize and appreciate the value that homeschooling brings to education. Rather than implying inadequacy, we should commend and support parents who choose this path for their children's education.

Thank you for considering this perspective.

Sincerely,

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