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Dear Committee Members

I am writing as a concerned citizen about the proposed changes to Education legislation, and how that impacts families who are homeschooling.

I have friends who homeschool their children, and I can see how their children thrive receiving an education perfectly tailored to their interests, learning style, and pace of learning. The kids are kind, smart and well-spoken. They are part of a community of homeschoolers from diverse backgrounds. They organise market days, compile yearbooks, attend the theatre, art galleries and museums, and participate in sporting activities. They dive deep into their interests, facilitated by their parents, and it's amazing to see all the learning that happens through those interests. All of this is possible because the parents are able to tailor their educational program to each individual child.

They can be this responsive because they have the flexibility to do so without being constrained by a one size fits all curriculum. I am concerned that the proposed changes will lead to less joy and less meaningful learning for these kids.

To conclude, I ask the committee to embrace flexibility, so that we get an education system that prepares all children for lifelong learning and fulfillment.

Yours sincerely,

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