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Dear Committee Members

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express some concerns regarding the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation. As stakeholders in the homeschooling community, it's imperative that we engage in a thorough examination of the real issues prompting families to opt for homeschooling rather than simply enforcing rigid curriculum requirements.

It has come to my attention that the proposed changes primarily focus on mandating adherence to a standardized curriculum without delving into the underlying reasons why many families choose homeschooling in the first place. This approach fails to address the core issues at hand and risks further alienating homeschooling families from the educational system.

It's crucial to acknowledge that homeschooling is often chosen by families for a variety of reasons, including dissatisfaction with the traditional schooling system, concerns about safety and bullying, religious or philosophical beliefs, or a desire for more personalized and flexible learning experiences tailored to individual student needs.

Which is where we fit in. My child was bullied almost to the point of suicide. We tried to approach the school and deal with it in a normal manner but we were shoved aside, my child told to 'get over it' and they protected the bullies. From that my child began to hate learning, felt unsafe at school and has lost all trust in the system.

Now, since we have started homeschooling last year she has started to regain her love of learning, her anxiety is dropping off and she is becoming her happy self again. She is learning more at home in a SAFE environment, that isnt a one size fits all approach to learning - which has never worked, never did for me as a kid. She is following her interests in Tech (built a robot yesterday) and art and not being berated by PE teachers for not being sporty enough or needing to slow down for asthma. She is flying ahead in

maths cos she gets to take in the work, not be rushed through to tick boxes all while HOPING the teacher gets a whole lesson out between attempting to control other misbehaving students. She is getting a much fuller education at home where she feels SAFE. Imposing stricter regulations just drags back to one size fits all is supposedly deemed best but our time homeschooling shows its simply not best, not valid or worthy for every child as every child learns differently.

Rather than imposing stricter regulations, I urge the committee to prioritize understanding and addressing the root causes of homeschooling trends. This entails listening to and considering the feedback from homeschooling parents, who are directly impacted by these legislative changes. Their insights and experiences are invaluable in shaping effective policies that support the diverse needs of families while ensuring the well-being and educational success of children.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the committee to reconsider the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation and to engage in a collaborative dialogue with homeschooling stakeholders to identify and address the real issues driving this educational choice. By doing so, we can work towards a more inclusive and responsive educational system that respects the choices and concerns of all families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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