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Dear Di Farmer

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed changes outlined in the education bill.

I am currently considering homeschooling my daughter who is struggling in mainstream education due to the extreme pressures of the current curriculum. I have spoken to teachers who have expressed that the level of learning forced upon our children is of a much higher level than ever before from an even younger age and is overwhelming and unhelpful for many children and causes stress as well as for the child to disconnect from learning altogether.

I am currently experiencing this with my own daughter and as I write this I am sitting in the waiting room of a therapist that I have had to employ in order to help my 7 year old process her anxiety and extreme school refusal.

The reason I am considering homeschooling is to help her learn in a much more supported environment and at a rate that is better suited to her individual needs. Each child learns at their own rate (I'm sure no one would disagree with this) which is something the current curriculum does in no way take into account.

If you enforce the use of the curriculum in home education, you take away this choice for me and others to education our own child at a rate and content that best supports them. Furthermore it is a well known fact that children learn best when they are interested in the subject matter and can apply it in a real world setting, which again would be compromised by enforcing standardised curriculum.

In conclusion, I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes to the education bill and to instead support homeschooling families in their efforts to provide their children with a high-quality education that meets their individual needs. Preserving the freedom and autonomy of homeschooling parents is essential in fostering a diverse and thriving educational landscape that benefits all members of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Allen

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