Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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To the Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee,

I am writing to object to the Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Bill 2024 in the current form. I have specific concerns with the implications of Clauses 18, 64 & 68 and I am in support of the Free2homeschool Movement. These changes will impact the wonderful home educating families I know, restricting them in their freedom of choice when it comes to educating their children, therefore having a detrimental effect on thousands of children across the state.

This will have a direct impact on my child who I've been home-schooling for 9 years. My daughter wasn't safe at school and the school didn't provide a safe environment for her. She was removed from the classroom due to her concerns with the noise from the disruption from the other students. As the teacher had no control over them, she forced my daughter to work in the corridors outside the classroom. I have been home-schooling since.

As a parent deeply invested in the education and well-being of my child, I am submitting this statement to articulate why homeschooling is in the best interest of my child's education and development. Homeschooling offers a personalized, flexible, and nurturing learning environment that caters to my child's individual needs and fosters holistic growth.

One of the primary advantages of homeschooling is the ability to tailor the educational experience to suit my child's unique learning style, interests, and pace of learning. In a homeschool setting, curriculum and teaching methods can be customized to accommodate my child's strengths, weaknesses, and passions, ensuring that learning is engaging, relevant, and meaningful

Homeschooling provides the flexibility to create a schedule that aligns with my child's natural rhythms and allows for exploration beyond the confines of traditional school hours. This flexibility enables us to take advantage of teachable moments, pursue enrichment activities, and travel for immersive learning experiences, enriching my child's education beyond the confines of a classroom

In a homeschool environment, my child receives individualized attention and support from me as their parent-educator. This one-on-one interaction allows for deeper understanding, personalized instruction, and the opportunity to address any learning challenges or areas of difficulty promptly. Moreover, the close bond between parent and child fosters a supportive and nurturing learning environment conducive to academic and emotional growth

Beyond academic achievement, homeschooling prioritizes the holistic development of my child, encompassing social, emotional, and ethical dimensions. Through real-life experiences, community involvement, and exposure to diverse perspectives, my child learns valuable life skills, empathy, critical thinking, and self-directed learning, preparing them to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Kind regards Brendan Butterfield

