Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Afternoon,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed regulations aimed at further regulating homeschooling in Queensland. As a concerned citizen and advocate for educational freedom, I firmly believe that such measures would be detrimental to the wellbeing and academic development of countless children, including my niece and nephew.

My niece and nephew have experienced firsthand the immense benefits of homeschooling, which has allowed them to thrive academically and personally. By tailoring their education to their individual strengths and weaknesses, homeschooling has provided them with a supportive and enriching learning environment that nurtures their intellectual curiosity and fosters a love for learning.

Introducing further regulations on homeschooling would not only undermine the autonomy of families but also jeopardize the educational opportunities of children across the state. It is essential to recognize that every child is unique, with distinct learning styles, interests, and needs. Homeschooling affords parents the flexibility to adapt their teaching methods and curriculum to meet the specific requirements of each child, ensuring that they receive a personalized education that maximizes their potential.

Moreover, history has shown us the dangers of restricting educational freedom. In Nazi Germany, homeschooling was prohibited, and dissenting voices were silenced in favor of conformity to state ideology. This oppressive regime sought to control the minds of young people through indoctrination, ultimately leading to devastating consequences. We must not forget the lessons of the past and remain vigilant in safeguarding the freedom of families to choose the educational path that best serves their children's interests and values.

Rather than imposing further regulations on homeschooling, I urge the Queensland government to respect the rights of parents to make informed decisions about their children's education. By fostering a supportive regulatory environment that prioritizes parental choice and educational diversity, we can ensure that all children have access to high-quality learning experiences tailored to their individual needs.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important issue. I urge you to oppose any efforts to further regulate homeschooling in Queensland and instead support policies that promote educational freedom and autonomy.

Sincerely, Sarah Clements.