Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee Members.

To

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm reaching out to share my concerns regarding the proposed changes to homeschooling legislation, particularly the requirement for homeschoolers to adhere to a specific curriculum. As a parent who has embraced homeschooling for its flexibility and personalized approach to education, I find these changes counterproductive to the core benefits of homeschooling.

Our family's journey with homeschooling has been profoundly positive, largely due to our ability to tailor the learning process to each child's unique interests, abilities, and learning pace. This interest-based approach has not only kept our children engaged and motivated but also allowed them to excel in diverse areas by exploring subjects that genuinely captivate them. The flexibility to choose different curriculums for each child has been crucial in accommodating their individual learning styles, a cornerstone of our homeschooling success.

The proposed legislation, by mandating a uniform curriculum, threatens to undermine this personalized learning experience. Such a one-size-fits-all approach does not account for the diverse talents and interests of each child, potentially stifling their curiosity and hindering their ability to learn in a manner that best suits their needs.

Moreover, the beauty of homeschooling lies in the freedom it offers families to foster a love of learning in their children, encouraging them to explore the world at their own pace and in their own way. The imposition of a standardized curriculum risks diminishing this freedom, constraining our children's educational journeys rather than enriching them.

In light of these considerations, I earnestly request the committee to reevaluate the proposed changes. It is crucial that we preserve the essence of homeschooling by supporting a system that values flexibility, recognizes individuality, and promotes a customized educational experience. By doing so, we honour the unique potential of each child and continue to support the diverse needs of homeschooling families.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective on this matter. I remain hopeful that a solution can be found that upholds the principles of personalized, child-centered education.

Warm regards,

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