## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Dear Committee,

I am writing to you today as a supportive husband of a dedicated homeschooling mother to our three incredible children, aged 7, 11, and 13. I wish to convey our collective objections to the provisions outlined in the Education Bill 2024.

First and foremost, I stand alongside my wife in expressing our concern regarding the proposed determination of a 'suitable educational environment.' Together, we have painstakingly crafted an environment tailored to meet the unique needs and learning styles of our children. It is evident to me that such a decision should rest within the purview of parents who intimately understand their children's educational requirements.

Furthermore, I share my wife's apprehension regarding the imposition of the national curriculum on homeschooling families. The rigidity of such a curriculum fails to accommodate the diverse interests and passions of our children. Our family thrives when learning is driven by curiosity and enthusiasm, rather than dictated by standardized requirements. I firmly believe that stifling this creativity would be detrimental to our children's educational journey.

Lastly, it is crucial to recognize and honor the neurodiversity of our children. Each possesses unique strengths and interests that deserve to be nurtured and celebrated. Mandating adherence to a standardized curriculum would undermine the flexibility necessary to provide a personalized education tailored to their individual needs.

In closing, I implore the Committee to reconsider the proposed measures of the Education Bill 2024. Please recognize the value of homeschooling families like ours and preserve the autonomy essential for fostering a rich and inclusive educational experience for our children.

Respectfully

Elliot Stewart