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Hello Committee Members, My name is [REDACTED], I am 12 years old. My parents have talked to me about what some of the changes are that the government is trying to introduce. Mum also helped me to read them all about the laws and changes on the internet. These changes are not good for almost any homeschooling families that I know and spend time with every week. I would like to tell you why I love homeschooling & why it is the best option for lots of kids like me. I have been homeschooled since very near the start of Prep. I tried school but I did not like it. It was so loud and noisy, with too many people everywhere. Whenever I thought about school my tummy would hurt. I can still remember that I would wake up very early in the mornings – before I even had to wake up - and just start crying thinking about going to school and then I cried while I was getting ready, in the car and then all morning at school too. I missed home so much when I was there. I wasn't learning anything. The teacher was mostly ok but just told me to stop crying. She tried to teach my things like spelling B-O-X, or counting, but my Mum had already taught me lots of things like that before I started school, so I was very bored as well as sad. I wasn't allowed to eat when my body was hungry. Sometimes I wasn't allowed to go to the toilet when I needed to. Homeschooling makes me happy. I get to learn about EVERYTHING that interests me. I love animals, nature, and art the most. I have known that I wanted to be an Environmental Conservationist since I was 9 years old. Every year I ask Mum if I can start university now to study, so I can start helping to save the Earth in bigger ways than I already do as a kid. My Mum taught me how to read when I was little, and I can read big, thick books. I read every single day on my own for an hour for my schooling. I also read all the time in my free time. I can spell great, do all sorts of cool maths, and I know more about ancient history than all the adults I meet. I can talk about the environment and animals for hours. I write & illustrate lots of stories about animals and adventures. I know so much information because instead of having to learn exactly what every other kid at school does (when that would make me bored and be about stuff I don't really care for), I get to learn about what I love the most. My Mum still has me do all the regular learning I need to be a smart and successful adult, but she makes it so fun and interesting. I get to do it how I like it, so I love it. I am never bored. I have so many friends. I see them 3 days a week to play & learn together. We do lots of fun stuff with them in a big group, like nature study, art and STEM workshops, and science experiments. Homeschooling is awesome. There is no bullying or mean people that want to hurt or upset me. Everyone gets along well, and our Mums have taught us to be kind and respectful. We ask others who are alone to come with us even if we don't know someone yet. It makes me really sad that you want to make me like every other kid. We are all different. Please listen to our parents and families before you say Yes to these changes. It will affect thousands of kids badly and that is not fair. I want to homeschool. I want to learn what I love. I want to be smart and successful my way. I want to be with my family and learn with them. School is good for some kids but not all kids. Having my Mum homeschool me makes me feel so lucky. I get to love learning and be safe every single day. Thank you for reading my email, [REDACTED]