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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed legislation that seeks to impose restrictive measures on homeschooling families. We do not support the legislation proposal, as it undermines the autonomy and effectiveness of homeschooling in meeting the unique needs of our children.

Our experience has shown that individualised programs enable our children to pursue their passions, and develop critical thinking skills that will help them throughout their lives. By freeing our children to take responsibility of their learning and follow their own paths of inquiry, we are preparing them to thrive in an ever-changing world that demands adaptability and creativity. Furthermore, individualised education fosters a love of learning.

I believe that imposing the national curriculum on homeschooling families would heighten the issues of children falling through the gaps in the traditional education system. Homeschooling provides a unique opportunity to address these gaps by customising education to the needs of each individual child.

In conclusion, I urge the committee to recognise the profound impact of individualised education in homeschooling and to respect the autonomy of homeschooling families to continue providing personalised curriculums that best serve the needs of our children. Thank you for your time.

Kind regards

Wade Stiller