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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes in home schooling legislation, particularly the requirement to follow a specific curriculum.

As a former teacher aide, I can honestly say how heartbreaking this news is. I left the school system purely because of the hard time students with disabilities were having trying to fit in a "One-size-fits-all"

It was so hard to watch them trying to cope with the current system.

I also took my own son out of school because he was struggling so much, and now one and a half years later, he is thriving with the methods we use to educate him.

As homeschoolers, we have the freedom to observe our kids and present material in a way that will best serve them and their needs.

Many of us had to deviate from the school system in order to better suit our child/ren/s circumstances.

Respectfully... Education should not be a system that dictates the exact same actions at the exact same time for every child. A one-size-fits-all mentality cannot possibly be adequate in every situation.

Such an approach can never hope to achieve what a method can. When you use a method, you recognize the fact that you are dealing with a unique human being, who has individual strengths and weaknesses.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards, Carey-anne Malan