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To The Committee Secretary Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee Parliament House

I am and have been homeschooling since start of 2023. Before that I missed a lot of school because of Anxiety, PTSD and health problems. My mum finally decided to homeschool me and I was so happy about that. Mainly because I am ADHD/ODD and hated all the disruptions in the classroom. Not only because it was annoying and unecessary but because I couldn't focus with the noise and stupid behaviour.

I need quiet to study and the teacher never had time for me. I found that very annoying too because I am a quick learner and like to move on quickly. I also found what we learned very boring. I didn't care about most of it and didnt see why we needed to know it.

What annoyed me the most was that I couldnt draw what I wanted to or write about what I wanted to. We were told what to draw and write about and I couldn't see why we couldn't do a topic we were interested in. Most of my friends didn't like it and some just did it their own way anyway.

My mum said the changes to the laws might make homeschooled kids go back to school if they can't follow the new rules. I don't want to go back to school and I don't want to follow the schoolwork they do at school. It's boring and I learn much more now. I am teaching myself new stuff all the time because I can look up whatever I want to know about.

I even trialled going back to school because my friend missed me at school. They were learning what I learnt the year before and only lasted 2 days. Especially after I saw some girls bullying other girls. I don't need that stuff in my life. Plus I couldn't take my support dog because he's not registered with the government.

I am much happier at home with my mum and my dog, learning what I do and doing my art, teaching myself piano and guitar, German, practicing my singing and learning to ride a horse. Sometimes I bake do shopping with mum and I always operate the gps when we drive anywhere. We have lots of appointments and I help mum get to the right address.

Also my anxiety is so much better. Going to school made me very nervous and I'm glad I don't have to deal with that anymore. I hope you don't decide I need to go to school, or make it too hard for my mum to do my plan and make the reports. I do not want to go back to school.

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