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Dear Committee,

I hope this letter finds you in good health,

My name is [REDACTED] I have been a homeschool student my whole life, I have done Distance Education which runs on a more ACARA based system, and also more flexible learning with HEU.

I am writing to explain to you how a flexible school schedule has benefited me, and why I don't want homeschoolers to have to use the national curriculum.

I find many parts of school hard and I don't want to just tick boxes, I believe that if I was doing a completely ACARA system, I wouldn't have enough time to actually learn everything properly.

Because of a flexible schedule, I have time to figure out how I learn best, and I have more ability to change things and find an enjoyable way to learn, and I have more time to really learn something and not just skim over it.

If I fall behind for any reason, I can do school in the holidays or spend time catching up elsewhere, if I need a break from studying I can spend some time, a day, or maybe even more, doing something else, such as spending time with Jesus, baking, art, craft, or just taking a day off, this can help with my mental, emotional and spiritual health, it can help take stress off me, and gives me more time to learn life skills and work through things I am finding hard outside of school.

Having a flexible school schedule means we can choose which days I do school, this means I can spend more time with my family, and I can learn lessons for life, just by chatting with people.

I enjoy learning, I love going to museums and gaining knowledge from books, shows, movies, documentaries and conversations.

One of my favourite things to do is go on trips with my family, we love spending time together, talking about all sorts of things, and I love seeing interesting places and getting information from road trips, historical sites and education centres (such as planetariums, zoos, museums etc.)

I often enjoy reading the plaques we see, to find out if there is anything interesting on them.

When I was with distance education, I was learning with a more ACARA based system. I did learn a lot but it wasn't always what I wanted to learn, I like being able to have more freedom to choose the topics I learn, for example I may not want to learn about Chemistry for a whole term. I understand that it's important to learn about a wide range of useful subjects and topics but having a flexible program means I can learn about things that interest me as well.

I do enjoy learning but I don't want someone else to choose the things that I learn, write, read and do every day, or tell me how to do them.

I have likely got most of my information from conversations, self-learning and going on trips, or at least I have enjoyed learning that way much more than normal schoolwork. I know much of the information in the books, and many of the questions I have to answer, are important and can even be enjoyable but without flexibility, I would have less time to learn in a way I enjoy, because I would have a much bigger workload and a stricter schedule.

Having a flexible program means I can go outside halfway through my reading so I can stretch my eyes and take a breath, in other words, it means I have more time and ability to fulfill my personal needs.

I have ADHD, ASD and Dyslexia but it won't ruin my life, partly because I have more ability to learn in a way that works well for me and I can care for my personal needs better.

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that can often be more important than head knowledge that you get from school books and classes.

It means I can learn to notice when I need to pay attention to my mental, emotional and spiritual health.

I love learning, and it's already hard to tick all the boxes I am required to tick.

If this bill goes through and I have even more things I need to achieve, and I have to do it in a certain way, in a certain timeframe, my school life would not get better, it would only get harder.

So those are some of the reasons I love having a flexible school schedule, it gives me time to learn things better, it gives me time for more important things, it gives me the ability to figure out how I learn best and better allows me to do that, it gives me more opportunities to choose some of the things I learn, it allows me to care for my needs better and it gives me more time with family, life, things I enjoy, and Jesus.

I do not want to lose my flexible program, so that's why I request that you do not put the change to national curriculum only in your bill. It would not benefit me or my family and I don't believe it would benefit many homeschoolers, it would actually make it harder for us to live, grow and learn.

Thank you for reading,

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