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Education, Employment, Training and Skills Committee

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Dear Committee Members,

I write to you with a fervent plea to acknowledge and honour the remarkable success of home-educated children in society. As home-schooling parents, we have witnessed firsthand the incredible growth and achievements of our children, and we adamantly believe that the current home-schooling system should remain untouched.

Home-educated children are not just thriving; they are excelling in every facet of life. From academic accomplishments to personal development, they are demonstrating resilience, creativity, and a passion for lifelong learning. This success is a testament to the dedication and commitment of home-schooling parents who prioritize their children's holistic development and tailor their educational experiences to meet their unique needs and interests.

We firmly assert our right as parents to educate our children. They are our children, and we know them better than any system ever could. Home-schooling allows us to create an environment that nurtures their individual strengths, fosters their curiosity, and instils in them a love for learning that extends far beyond the confines of a classroom.

Moreover, home-schooling provides a sanctuary for our children—a safe and supportive setting free from the pressures and pitfalls of bullying, pronouns and bureaucratic pushed agendas that often plague traditional school environments. In our own nurturing atmosphere, they are free to explore, experiment, and grow into confident and compassionate individuals, which they are already.

It is essential to recognize that there is not one singular way to educate a child. Home-schooling empowers parents to teach their children HOW TO LEARN, not just what to learn, laying the foundation for a lifetime of intellectual curiosity and personal fulfillment.

As these home-educated children grow into adulthood, they continue to make significant contributions to society, enriching our communities with their diverse talents, perspectives, and values. We need more of these success stories, not less.

In conclusion, I implore the committee to heed the voices of home-schooling parents and to uphold our right to educate our children in the manner we deem best. Let us continue to nurture the potential of our children and celebrate the extraordinary outcomes that home-schooling affords.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kim Sherley

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