

To whom it may concern,

I respectfully oppose H8531. Rhode Island's current homeschool laws are already working for many families like ours, and we do not believe additional oversight is necessary.

Our family chose homeschooling because we want to know exactly what our children are learning and to keep our family unit close, including allowing our twins to stay together throughout their school years. We value a learning environment focused on nature, exploration, and hands-on experiences rather than sitting in a classroom for six hours a day.

Homeschooling has also been especially beneficial for our son, who is very hyperactive and struggles to sit still and pay attention in a traditional classroom setting. Since beginning our Pre-K/Kindergarten homeschool curriculum at home, he has made tremendous progress academically and emotionally because he is able to learn in a way that works best for him.

In addition, homeschooling gives our children the flexibility to focus on their interests and strengths, including jiu jitsu and dance, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach like a traditional gym class.

Families should not have to prove they are "good enough" to homeschool when homeschooling is already helping their children thrive. Parents should remain the primary decision-makers in their children's education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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