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I oppose this homeschool bill H8531 because parents should remain the primary decision-makers in their children's education. The language in this bill is too vague, using subjective terms like "competency," and "capacity," without clearly defining them. Families should not have to prove they are "good enough" to homeschool unless there is clear evidence that a child is being harmed or neglected.

Homeschooling has allowed me to tailor my child's education to his specific needs in a way that would not have been possible in a traditional setting. He is thriving academically, socially, and emotionally. He has meaningful friendships and social opportunities through our homeschool community, ENRICHri, which is a secular homeschool organization.

This bill risks placing unnecessary barriers and oversight on families who are already deeply invested in their children's education and well-being. Parents know their children best, and the state should not undermine that relationship with unclear standards that could be interpreted differently from one person to another.

Please oppose this bill and continue to protect the rights of homeschool families.

Thanks for your time and consideration,
Cindy Lemoi