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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to H8531.

As a parent and supporter of homeschooling freedom, I am deeply concerned about the impact this bill could have on families. Parents know their children best and should not be placed in a position where they must prove they deserve permission to educate their own children.

I believe parents should have the freedom to make educational decisions based on their child's unique needs, learning style, and well-being. Every child is different, and no one understands a child's strengths, struggles, and needs better than the people raising them every day.

I am especially concerned that this bill could create unnecessary barriers and delays for homeschooling families. Requiring children to remain enrolled in public school while approval is pending could place added stress on families who have carefully made educational decisions in the best interest of their children.

I am also troubled by the idea that families may have little or no meaningful opportunity to appeal decisions that directly impact their ability to homeschool. Decisions affecting a child's education can have a lasting impact and should not leave parents feeling powerless.

For many families, homeschooling is not simply an educational preference—it is a deeply considered choice made out of love, care, and a desire to provide the best possible environment for a child to grow and succeed. Families should be supported and respected, not burdened with additional obstacles.

I respectfully ask the committee to oppose H8531.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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