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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a homeschooling parent of seven children to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill HB8531.

Our family turned to homeschooling three years ago following a period of profound personal tragedy. After the loss of our son, Angelo, our children faced significant challenges in the traditional school system, including severe bullying that the school failed to address adequately. Since transitioning to homeschooling, our children have excelled academically and socially. We have found peace, order, and a safer environment that prioritizes their well-being and protection.

I believe it is a parental right and duty to determine the best educational path for our children, especially when the school system has failed to protect them during their most vulnerable moments. This bill represents an unnecessary overreach into how I raise and educate my family.

I urge you to reconsider this legislation and respect the rights of homeschooling families.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Nicoloro