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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I respectfully oppose House Bill H8531.

While child safety and educational accountability matter deeply, this bill gives school committees overly broad authority to deny homeschooling through subjective terms such as “best interest,” “competency,” and “capacity.”

As a parent, the right to guide my child’s education is sacred. My child has flourished through homeschooling in an environment that honors how he learns, grows, and demonstrates knowledge. I am proud of the progress he has made and the future he represents for the next generation.

Many Rhode Island families choose homeschooling because traditional systems have not met their children’s needs related to health, safety, disability, or emotional well-being. H8531 risks placing unnecessary barriers before families already working to protect and uplift their children. Truancy is often tied to unmet needs, not neglect, and should not become automatic grounds for denial.

Our communities deserve collaboration, fairness, and respect for parental rights, not policies that invite inconsistent enforcement or local bias.

I urge the committee to oppose H8531 and support educational pathways that honor both family responsibility and the well-being of our children.

Respectfully,  
Kathryn “She Walks With the Wind” Morrison