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Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to hear my testimony regarding House Bill H8531.

I appreciate the committee's willingness to listen to the lived experiences of Rhode Island families like mine, especially those of parents advocating for the educational well-being, safety, and emotional health of their children. Sharing my son Xzavier's journey was deeply personal, and I am grateful for the respectful space provided to speak on his behalf.

As a parent, I believe every child deserves an educational environment where they feel safe, understood, and supported in the way they learn best. Homeschooling has allowed my son to flourish academically and emotionally after years of struggling within traditional school systems.

I sincerely hope the committee continues its due diligence in carefully reviewing and opposing H8531. Policies affecting homeschooling families should protect children while also respecting parental rights, educational freedom, and the diverse needs of Rhode Island families.

Thank you again for your time, service, and commitment to the children and families of our state.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Morrison