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Honorable Members of the House Committee on Education,

Thank you for your decision to oppose the recent bill HB 8531 under consideration. Your actions demonstrated a thoughtful approach to an important issue and gave meaningful weight to the perspectives of families like mine.

My homeschooled daughter attended the committee session and was thrilled to witness the legislative process and the debate firsthand. Watching public servants listen, deliberate, and respond to testimony was an educational and empowering experience for her.

I am deeply grateful to the committee for making space for the homeschool community's voices and for taking the time to hear our children's testimony. Your willingness to listen to families and young people made a real difference to us and reinforced our faith in representative government.

With appreciation,

Kristy Hallam  
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