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**To:** House Education Committee  
**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Representatives and Committee Members,

I just wanted to take a minute to thank you, from myself, but also from my children, Wesley, Everett and Anya. Thank you for listening on Tuesday and taking the time to seek to understand. As a former public school teacher, who never imagined homeschooling, I know it sounds a little weird at first. Taking the time to really listen and seek understanding is the best for everyone. I like to imagine a world where we can all work together, to better education for all students in private school, public and homeschool. My children were so worried. Even though I send my letter of intent to homeschool in July, we don't usually get a reply until October or November. They couldn't fathom going to a completely strange school for 6 or 8 weeks before being able to start their actual school year, or that they wouldn't be able to join their co-op classes in September.

Thank you again for your time and attention,  
Mikaela and Ethan Shorey