

To Whom It May Concern,

Please oppose House Bill H8531. Homeschooling has benefitted my child academically, emotionally and socially. By being homeschooled, my child is able to focus on the things that he is passionate about. I am also able to take curriculums and customize them for the unique needs and interests of my son. Interacting with other children and parents in the homeschooling community has created good, lasting bonds. Homeschooling allows more space and time to be involved in his emotional development as well. I am able to monitor the relationships that he forms and keep him from social interactions that can have negative impacts. Homeschoolers are arguably more passionate about their child's education than other parents, as it requires them to be more present and involved in the daily education process. Homeschoolers should be viewed with admiration for the concern they have for their child's education and sacrifices they make for it. The subjectivity and lack of concise language of the H8531 bill creates concern with homeschool parents. The primary decisions about a child's learning should start with them, the parents.

Sincerely,

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