

I am asking you to vote against H8531 because I believe it creates unnecessary government involvement in homeschooling families without clearly explaining when or why that involvement would be justified.

One of my biggest concerns is the use of broad terms like “competency” and “capacity.” These words can mean very different things depending on who is interpreting them, which leaves homeschool families vulnerable to inconsistent decisions and expectations. Parents should not have to constantly justify their educational choices when their children are safe, supported, and learning successfully.

For our family, homeschooling has been an incredibly positive experience. It has allowed us to create an environment where our child can learn at an appropriate pace, explore interests deeply, and develop confidence both academically and personally. Socialization has never been an issue. Through ENRICHri, our child participates in a strong secular homeschool community filled with friendships, activities, and collaborative learning opportunities.

Every child learns differently, and homeschooling gives parents the ability to adapt education to fit those unique needs. Legislation that adds vague standards and additional oversight risks discouraging families who are providing thoughtful and effective educational experiences for their children.

I hope you will stand with homeschool families and oppose H8531.

Thank you for  
your time,  
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