

Dear Mr. Baker,

Please remove homeschoolers from the language of both LD 1343 and LD 1426.

Studies show that private home education is working well. Funding homeschoolers blurs the lines between private and public education, destroys the innovative spirit of the option, will be a breeding ground for fraud, and is bound to introduce into the home the very problems that plague our public schools.

Homeschooling is not expensive; it is affordable. The curriculum for my 2 sons this year cost \$500 total. How much better to keep taxes lower and eliminate the confusion and waste of government being a middleman. Again, please remove homeschoolers from the language of both LD 1343 and LD 1426.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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