

To whom it may concern:

I was homeschooled K-12. I continued my education getting my Associates in Liberal Arts and Bachelors in Music Education along with a business administration and recreational leadership minor. As you can imagine, education is extremely important to me. I have two children of my own now and I wanted to provide my children with the freedom and excitement of being homeschooled.

Publicly funding my children's education will severely restrict my ability to choose what and how they learn. While, in theory it seems helpful, in reality it will only blur the lines between public and private education making it harder for me as the parent to be the only decision maker in their education. Studies are proving that private home education works well and we do not want to diminish it's effectiveness by mixing in public opinion and policy.

Please remove homeschoolers from the language of LD 1343 and LD 1426 so we may preserve the core of what makes private education private.

Sincerely,

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