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Children are born persons. In the educational philosophy we follow in our home, this is the first principle. As such, they are treated with respect, with the ability to voice thoughts, with opportunities to test ideas, and change their minds. They can fail and succeed within the safety net of a loving family. Our ultimate responsibility and accountability is to the Lord, while still honoring the laws of the land that do not violate our ultimate accountability. The freedom granted to us in this land allows for opportunities that aren't seen in any other part of the world.

There will never be a time when the government will love and care for my children better than my husband and I. While I know this is not the case in all homes, the rights of all parents should not be infringed upon because of parents willfully or ignorantly refusing to do the very hard work of parenting.