

Testimony in regards to Bill 2400

Dear Legislative Assembly:

I am actually against bill 2400 because as a homeschooler I do not wish to accept any government subsidy for educating my children at home. If I accept any subsidy that would obligate me to be subject to the government regulating our homeschool environment in some way such as my children being required to take a standardized test. In any case, this bill probably will pass so I am requesting, along with I hope many other homeschoolers, that a separate designation for homeschoolers who do not accept subsidies will be created or kept in a separate category or designation from ESA homeschoolers so that future laws and amendments down the road will not affect our freedom to homeschool without regulations. So to be clear: there should be two designations: 1) ESA homeschoolers (who accept money for home education and are subject to requirements for this money) and 2) homeschoolers (who do not accept money for education and maintain complete freedom and interference from the government to homeschool).

As a former public and private school teacher I have seen the overreach of government into the education of our children and think they already have too much influence in a negative way. That is why so many public schools are closing as parents pull their children from this harmful environment that has brainwashed them with a social agenda over actually just teaching them reading, writing, and arithmetic. They have overstepped in a huge way. It is a parent's job to teach their children to be honest, respectful, and believe in themselves, to work hard and not be brainwashed by a social agenda of DEI and doubting their gender identity. Two areas in which our country federally as overstepped into the lives of our children where they don't belong. Therefore, I respectfully request that you create or keep the two above designations that reinforce the freedom of educational choice that will not infringe on the rights of those who do not wish to participate in this legislation. Thank you for you time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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