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To: Senate Education Committee Members

TESTIMONY

I am here today testifying on behalf of my family concerning Senate Bill 291.

The primary reasons we choose to home school are many. Here are a few:

1. Home schooling allows my wife and me to choose a curriculum best suited for our nine year old child.
2. This freedom allows my child to accelerate at his own pace, therefore challenging him to reach higher grade levels than his age would indicate. For instance, he might be in the fourth grade, however would have 11th grade reading skills or 8th grade math and science skills.
3. It encourages a free thinking mind to explore and contemplate various issues of world events and life itself.
4. Home schooling permits my family to educate at all times, at all places and is not limited to home only, or during specific set hours. Our school never closes and is always open.
5. We have the freedom granted to us by our founding fathers to express our most heartfelt gratitude toward that proclamation. We open every school day with a prayer, scripture reading and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to God and country.

6. Freedom is precious and comes with a high price. Our great President John F. Kennedy issued a statement concerning freedom by saying, "We will bear any burden, pay any price to remain free."
7. Dr. Martin Luther King stated, "We are free, we are free, thank God Almighty we are free at last."
8. The great patriarch Moses stated to Pharoah, "Let my people go."

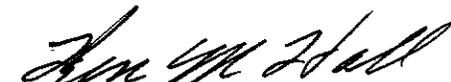
I echo these same quotes from three great leaders of all time. I voice these sentiments with much tenacity from my heart, spirit, body, mind, and soul.

Esteemed committee members, may God grant you the wisdom and knowledge in directing your hearts in making your decision concerning Senate Bill 291.

I urge you to vote "no" on Senate Bill 291.

May God bless each of you.

Respectfully,


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