The Director General

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XXth October 2017

Attention: Adv. TD Rudman

Dear Adv. Rudman,

**Draft BASIC EDUCATION LAWS AMENDMENT BILL - Request for an extension to the closing date for comments on the Bill.**

**Introduction and Background**

[GIVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND, EXPLAIN WHO YOU ARE, STATE HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN HOMESCHOOLING FOR AND WHY YOU HOMESCHOOL]

[STATE WHEN YOU BECAME AWARE OF THE INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT]

[STATE HOW YOU BECAME AWARE OF THE BILL. THROUGH A FRIEND, FACEBOOK GROUP, MEDIA, HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION OR PESTALOZZI TRUST]

[EXPLAIN THAT YOU WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE BILL BUT WILL BE UNABLE TO FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS]

**Reasons for seeking an extension**

[REASON 1: YOU HAVE HAD NO PRIOR NOTICE OF THE RELEASE OF THE BILL OR OF ITS CONTENT AND HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO CONSIDER IT]

[REASON 2: REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS THAT YOU BELONG TO HAVE NOT INFORMED YOU OF THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF THE BILL. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT INFORMED BY THE DBE. YOU HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO CONSULT WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS BUT WOULD LIKE TO PRIOR TO COMMENTING. STATE ANY REASONS OTHER THAN LACK OF TIME THAT MAKE THAT COMMUNICATION DIFFICULT I.E. COST, DISTANCE, ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY]

[REASON 3: YOUR CHILDREN ARE WRITING EXAMS AND THIS IS A VERY BUSY PERIOD FOR YOU. GIVE DETAILS OF THE PERIOD]

[REASON 4: THE BILL IS VERY COMPLEX AND YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT. YOU WOULD LIKE TIME TO STUDY IT IN DETAIL AND DETERMINE HOW IT WILL IMPACT YOU, YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR FAMILY. BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITY YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO THIS BEFORE 10TH NOVEMBER 2017]

**Duration of extension**

[YOU WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION: FOR 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR CHILD’S LAST EXAM. THAT THE DAYS BETWEEN THE 15TH DECEMBER TO 15TH JANUARY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CALUCLATION AND THAT THEREFORE THE EXTENSION BE GRANTED TILL THE 15TH FEBRUARY. OR ALTERNATIVELY YOU ASK FOR ANY PERIOD WHICH WILL ALLOW YOU TO OVERCOME THE BARRIER TO COMMENTING THAT YOUR REASON/S GIVEN ABOVE]

[ASK THAT YOUR REQUEST BE CONSIDERED AND ACTED ON WITHIN 7 DAYS AND THAT YOU BE INFORMED OF THE DECISION.]

[YOUR NAME]

[E-MAIL ADDRESS]

[TEL. NO.]

[POSTAL ADDRESS]