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Department of Basic Education

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Attention: Ms P Ngcobo

**Draft POLICY ON HOME EDUCATION - Request for an extension to the closing date for comments on the Policy.**

**Introduction**

[GIVE A BRIEF BACKGROUND, EXPLAIN THAT YOU ARE A PARENT, FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND OF A CHILD RECEIVING EDUCATION – NO NEED TO SPECIFY HOW OR WHERE AND/OR THAT YOU ARE A RESEARCHER, EDUCATION ACTIVIST, MEMBER OF AN NGO, MEMBER OF AN EDUCATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP, CONCERNED CITIZEN.]

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

**Reasons for seeking an extension**

[CHOOSE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS. IF YOU HAVE TIME TO WRITE A LONGER REQUEST WITH MORE THAN ONE REASON BUT NOT ENOUGH TIME TO DO THAT AND A SUBMISSION RATHER CHOOSE JUST ONE REASON FROM THE LIST BELOW AND THEN SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT POLICY NO MATTER HOW BRIEF]

[REASON 1: YOU HAVE JUST FINISHED COMMENTING ON THE BELABILL IT IS UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HAVE TO COMMENT ON TWO IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS WITHIN THE SPACE OF A TWO MONTHS]

[REASON 2: YOU HAVE HAD NO PRIOR NOTICE OF THE RELEASE OF THE POLICY OR OF ITS CONTENTS AND HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO CONSIDER IT]

[REASON 3: REPRESENTATIVE ORGANISATIONS THAT YOU BELONG TO HAVE NOT INFORMED YOU OF THE IMPENDING RELEASE OF THE POLICY. 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 4: YOUR CHILDREN ARE OR HAVE JUST FINISHED WRITING EXAMS AND THIS IS A VERY BUSY PERIOD FOR YOU.]

[REASON 4: THE POLICY 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 8TH DECEMBER 2017]

**Duration of extension**

[YOU WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION TILL THE 15TH FEBRUARY 2018.]

[ASK THAT YOUR REQUEST BE CONSIDERED A.S.A.P AND THAT YOU BE INFORMED OF THE DECISION.]

[ASK THAT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS NOT BE SHARED WITH ANY THIRD PARTY]

[YOUR NAME]

[E-MAIL ADDRESS]