

[Name of MEC/Minister of Education in your province e.g. Mr. A Smith MPL *find their details [here](#)*  
[Address]

By e-mail

cc: [THE OFFICIAL/S IN YOUR PROVINCE DEALING WITH HOME EDUCATION *FIND THEIR DETAILS [HERE](#)*]

[XX] April 2020

Dear Mr/Ms [NAME OF MEC/MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN YOUR PROVINCE E.G. MR. A SMITH MPL *FIND THEIR DETAILS [HERE](#)*]

**Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill – CEM Meeting.**

It has come to my attention that in the near future you will be discussing the BELA Bill in the meeting of the Council of Education Ministers.

As a home educator [OR SUPPORTER OF HOME EDUCATION] living in [PROVINCE] I am concerned that the proposed BELA Bill, if it remains in its current form, will negatively impact home education in our province.

[EXPLAIN HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN HOME EDUCATING, WHY YOU HOME EDUCATE AND HOW IT HAS IMPACTED YOUR FAMILY OR IF YOU ARE A SUPPORTER, WHY YOU SUPPORT HOME EDUCATION]

The BELA Bill will allow education officials to enter my home. This is an invasion of privacy and violates my family's right to privacy, which is protected by s14 of the Constitution.

Any information that the provincial department needs can be gathered in a way that respects my rights. If I require support in my home education, I will obtain that support through my own efforts and at a place and time of my choosing. I may wish to contact the provincial department for help, but that will be my choice.

[LIST ANY OTHER PROBLEMS YOU HAVE WITH HOME VISITS]

There is no research on how many home educators there are in [PROVINCE]. Until this is known the potential socio-economic impacts of the BELA BILL in our province cannot be known.

[IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COSTS OF THE BELA BILL MENTION THAT HERE.]

[ASK ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE BELA BILL]

[LIST ANY OTHER CONCERNS YOU HAVE WITH THE BELA BILL. See eg our blog posts on [BELA IN YOUR HOME](#) and [Research](#)]

[LIST ANY POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE BELA BILL]

Could you urgently meet with [MYSELF - IF YOU ARE WILLING TO MEET THE MEC/MINISTER OF EDUCATION], the home education associations in our province such as [LIST THE ASSOCIATIONS IN YOUR PROVINCE THAT YOU BELONG TO. YOU CAN SEE THE LIST OF LIL GROUPS [HERE](#) ], interest groups such as [LIST THE GROUPS IN YOUR PROVINCE THAT YOU BELONG TO. YOU CAN SEE THE LIST OF LIL GROUPS [HERE](#)] and experts such as the Pestalozzi Trust, prior to discussing the Bill in the CEM, to allow us to share our concerns with you and assist you in making informed input on the Bill.

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