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

Alternative Education Institutions and the Basic Education Laws Amendment Bill.

The BELA Bill will soon be tabled for discussion at the CEM and you will be asked to provide your input. I am concerned that the proposed BELA Bill makes no mention of alternative education institutions. These institutions are commonly called cottage schools, tutor centres, home school centres or micro schools.

They use a variety of curricula, different educational approaches and are not structured like a normal school. They therefore need special provision made for them in the BELA BILL.

As a parent with a child in an alternative education institution in [PROVINCE] I have placed my child in one of these institutions for the following reasons:

[EXPLAIN WHY YOU PLACED YOUR CHILD IN THE SMALL SCHOOL THEY ARE ENROLLED IN. GIVE YOUR REASONS FOR NOT HOME EDUCATING OR ENROLLING IN A TRADITIONAL SCHOOL]

Please do not allow BELA BILL to be approved in the CEM without changes being made that will allow alternative educational institutions to operate.

Could you urgently meet with [MYSELF - IF YOU ARE WILLING TO MEET THE MEC/MINISTER OF EDUCATION], alternative education institution owners, and alternative education 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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