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To: Email address of MEC's
Subject: PLEASE BE MY FAMILY'S VOICE

Honorable MEC

You will soon be asked at the Council of Education Minister's meeting to provide input on the BELA Bill and specifically s51 that deals with home education.

As a home educating family, we are requesting that you, as the highest elected public representative responsible for education in the province, share our concerns with the Honorable National Minister and the other Provincial Ministers/MECs at CEM.

I am asking you to be a voice of our family and especially our children who have benefitted from home education.

My family is worried that officials will have the power to refuse us our right to home educate.

Home education has helped our family in many ways, and we are concerned that s51 of the BELA BILL will ruin this.

[My personal message]

The Pestalozzi Trust has commissioned research on home education that you need to see before supporting the BELA Bill at CEM. This research shows the reality of home education in South Africa as my family experiences it. We have not seen any research from the DBE. If you have, please share it with us when we meet.

I have asked the Pestalozzi Trust to share this research with you and speak to you on my behalf.

Please ask your executive assistant to urgently contact the Pestalozzi Trust at (012) 330 1337 or defensor@pestalozzi.org to set up a meeting. The Trust will organize for our provincial home education associations and home educating families in our province to meet with you so you can hear our views.

Please hear our voices, listen to the research, and grant us a chance to speak to you.

Kind Regards

A concerned home educating family