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Christiansborg  
1240 København K.

Dear Uddannelsesudvalg,

I am writing here as a mother of two children whom both have attended private schools in the Copenhagen area. They have both now respectively left and are following the career of their choice.

This was a conscious choice made by my husband and I many years ago, and have been satisfied with both the academic level and social skills taught.

The fact that we had at that time the possibility to make a choice, and that there were so many different types of schools and systems to choose from, completely impressed me. I hold a british passport, which tells you that I was brought up under the good old English educational system, which means very little freedom of choice, an authoritarian attitude towards handling and communicating with children, and an inborn fight to get to the top, no matter who you tread on on the way up.

So, it has been a joy and a release for me as a mother to be able to pick and choose and decide. Knowing that my children would not experience, what I would now consider to be indoctrination, but be enlightened and encouraged to live in a country where freedom of speech and democracy are considered to be as important as other more academic subjects!

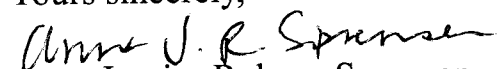
But with what sadness I hear about the new Friskoleloven, which after having read it thoroughly, am shocked and disappointed and have a strong feeling that there is some hidden agenda here. The reason why I think this, is due to the fact that I am a liberal person, and therefore a true supporter of Anders Fogh Rasmussen and his party.

Where is the liberalism and freedom of choice in this new proposal?

I will never forget a speech of Mr. Rasmussens, when he made it clear that there has got to be a choice, and that choice is and will always be up to the individual to take and that he would ensure that the political climate as such would ensure the room for choice .....this was music to my ears!!!!!!

With this new law my children will not enjoy their democratic right to decide and choose upon a schooling system they feel to be suitable for their own children, (my grandchildren) whatever it might be.

Yours sincerely,

  
Anna-Louise Robson Sørensen.

Mother of a 22 year old daughter currently studying in the US, and son who is attending a brand new sports efterskole in Copenhagen.