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To the Parliament:

I am the parent of one of the many students that go to Amager International Skole. It has come to my knowledge that there has been introduced a law to further restrict free schools and make them more of a parallel with public schools. This law however does not affect parents who normally automatically send their children to a public school. But however, it does affect parents like me who do consider sending their children to free schools. There are different reasons behind this act. It is no hidden fact that these schools are better when speaking of the working level in each grade. The standard is higher and children get a whole lot more out of studying here than in ordinary schools.

My reason for not choosing a public school had different reasons behind it. My child has been to 3 different schools in the course of 3 years which I consider is not easy. He had been going to a public school here in Denmark but then because of personal reasons we had to move to England, London for a year. After studying a whole year in England he was quite comfortable with what he was studying. So after moving back it was quite obvious to me in regards to which school I would choose for my child. A school, which had all the requirements he needed.

I never regretted sending my child to the school that I did. It turned out even better than expected. He is even more engaged in studies than he had ever been. He comes home everyday and tells me about the amount of work he is doing and his improving grades. It makes me happy to think that he is going by just fine in his school and has teachers that back him up whenever he needs it. He even got the "Student of the Year" certificate because of the exceptional amount that he did. I couldn't have been more proud. Going to this school has given him more opportunities to work on his weaker areas and produce fine work. And I can say with certainty that he wouldn't have been able to show his skills if he were going to public school.

I am not saying that public schools do not have a high standard of education. I think that as always the choice which we parents have had for choosing which schools our children should attend should not be taken from us. I have told you my reason but there might be other parents with even more important reasons for sending their children to a free school. There has never been a problem before between free schools and public schools, so I don't think there should be any further problems. School is an essential part of one's life. It gives us the basics, which last through the rest of one's

life. And if you are not well prepared from the roots and do not have enough confidence then you can not go on well in life.

I strongly disagree with the new law which is being proposed. This is an important issue and that is why I am writing this letter. I wish for you to take into consideration how much this law is going to affect different children in Denmark. The children that are the future of this country, and whose future you might be putting at risk due to this new law proposal. I hope that you will take this into consideration when you are deciding.

Hopefully Yours,

Hamida Shakoor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hamida Shakoor".

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