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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: New law that will be heard on December 3rd
(the law on free schools and private schools no. 759 of 5th July 2004)

I am a teacher at Amager's International School, a private school with a multicultural environment which has been successfully educating Danish and European students as well as students with many different ethnic backgrounds.

Our school provides a unique approach to schooling that engages the students and provides them not only with useful knowledge, but also the ability to learn and the ability to be self-sufficient and responsible for his own learning and study. That is a result that counts for the rest of one's life.

Our students have respect for national and ethnic diversity. They feel that our school makes teaching fun and exciting and they can apply what they learn. I have been witnessing amazing progress of some students that was not expected and has not happened in some other schools they previously attended. Their parents express their admiration to our school system.

The education system in Denmark should continue fulfilling the different needs of students from various backgrounds. It is very important to maintain the freedom of choice and unique free school system so that parents can continue to choose and schools can exercise their rights in creating a school environment that best suits the pupils it has rather than trying to meet a standard that is supposed to fit everyone.

It will be more beneficial to focus on result-oriented quality control, rather than regulations which try to limit private schools' freedom in choosing methods for achieving that result.

Therefore kindly vote against the new law that will be heard on December 3rd regarding free schools.

Yours sincerely,


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