Ms M.A. Motshekga, MP
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Dear Minister

Suspend Discussion of the draft Policy on Home Education at CEM meeting

I am writing to you as [A CONCERNED CITIZEN, HOME EDUCATING PARENT, SUPPORTER OF HOME SCHOOLING]

[PROVIDE A BIT OF BACKGROUND IF YOU WISH. I.E. I HAVE BEEN HOMESCHOOLING FOR X YEARS]

[I MADE A SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT POLICY ON HOME EDUCATION IN 2017. IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO MAKE A COMPLETE SUBMISSION BECAUSE OF LACK OF TIME MENTION THAT]

Home Education representatives have communicated to me that the Department of Basic Education has stated that the Department has reviewed the policy and informed them that this was done in a fair, just and credible manner.

I would like to exercise my democratic right to study the amended draft Policy on Home Education and to approach my elected representatives, either you or the provincial education minister in my province, should any aspects of the amended draft Policy be of concern.

It was suggested in the second “*Draft Discussion Document*” (A document authored by a Department of Basic Education consultant) that prior to the policy being finalized for public comment a set of principles would be circulated for public comment and that only after this would a draft Policy be released for public comment.

This was never done and therefore we have been deprived of a key opportunity to have input into the process.

I respectfully request you do the following:

* suspend discussion of the draft Policy at this upcoming CEM meeting
* authorize the release of the amended policy so that I can have a chance to study it and approach my democratically elected representatives
* meet with a delegation of representatives of the home education movement as requested by the Pestalozzi Trust in a letter to your offices dated the 21st June 2018

Kind regards