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To whom it may concern,

I would like to make it known that as a parent who has homeschooled I support the passing of HB 4036. I had to homeschool my autistic child due to her level of needs. I had tried desperately to still have her involved with her after school dance activities and her SPED classes swim times. I was prepared to do everything so that she could still be involved with her friends and continue to learn how to be a member of the community while I taught her the needed skills to rejoin the classroom. Unfortunately, since we were unable to partake in the activities the 2 years following were very hard for my daughter. While she made great strides in her communication, academics and self-advocacy, she was very lonely. While this won't directly impact my daughter as she's now back in classroom but it will impact a number of families I know with special needs children that homeschool. For our children to flourish we need to be able to work together as a community and keep our kids involved in that community. If they feel they have a place with their peers it will lead to less isolation and depression among them.

Thank you for your time and for showing children inclusion vs isolation.

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