**Experience With Ministerial Exams 2024**

Mr or Mrs XXXXX (name of your MNA),

We are a family of \_\_\_\_\_ who have homeschooled since \_\_\_\_\_\_. Families who have opted for home-education have, for the past three years, been subjected to mandatory ministerial exams. As a constituent of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, this is how the new obligation has impacted our family this year.

| Impacts | Details |
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| Number of km traveled |  |
| $ (loss of income for one or both parents who must accompany the child) |  |
| Child care for other children at home |  |
| Insufficient preparation from the SSC/SB | * The preparation meeting was not sufficient * No previous exam was made available to parent-educators for preparation * Other examples… |
| Impact on the child |  |
| Other difficulties |  |

It is our experience as a family that this new obligation had only negative impacts. These exams do not evaluate the acquisition of knowledge nor the progression of learning of our children. They are, however, an important stressor for children who are being evaluated outside their normal learning environment, separate from their parent-educator, with children with whom they do not interact on a regular basis. At the same time, they are confronted with evaluation methods that are neither familiar nor pertinent to them. In our opinion, this presents many costs to the child without any tangible benefits.

We are asking for more options when it comes to evaluating our children, ones that are more specifically adapted to our reality. We are asking that a consultation be held between AQED and the government to this end. We further ask for compensation for the costs incurred during these obligatory exams. As we are not getting the access to services that would help our young people as mandated by law and very little support when preparing for tests, we are asking, in addition, for accountability, transparency, and better management of the money granted to the SSC/SB annually ($1,800 per child per year).

Looking forward to hearing your response,

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