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## Sample Opposition Letter #1 Regarding a Specific Bill

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The Honorable Bill Brown  
California State Assembly [or California State Senate]  
State Capitol, Room [#####]  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: AB 123, by Assembly Member Haste

Dear Assembly Member Brown: [or Dear Senator Brown:]

As your constituent and a registered voter, I am writing to express my concern about AB 123. I am concerned that this bill would harm, rather than help, those families who choose to educate their children privately at home. It is my understanding that the bill was introduced as a response to the horrific circumstances surrounding the Johnson family. While I agree that what happened was a tragedy and should be prevented from happening again, I do not believe that AB 123 is the way to accomplish that goal. I ask you to consider these points:

1. There is no credible evidence that privately homeschooled children are more susceptible to abuse than other children.
2. A recent study comparing the frequency of abuse/neglect of privately homeschooled children in low, medium, and high regulation states found that the frequency was the same in each category, therefore more regulation will not impact the frequency of abuse/neglect in California.
3. The new terms to be added to the Private School Affidavit that will identify the types of private schools are undefined and lack well-understood meanings.

In the past, you have proven yourself to be a proponent of family values and individual rights. On that basis, I urge you to vote no on AB 123. Thank you for the work that you do for those of us in your district.

Sincerely,

John Doe

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