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HOME SCHOOL
COALITION ASSOCIATION
Keeping Texas Families Free

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Brazoria County Courthouse
111 E. Locust, Room 309
Angleton, Texas 77515

To Whom It May Concern:

By way of introduction, let me state that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide advocacy organization for home educators, with over 50,000 families on our mailing list. As the advocacy organization for the state of Texas, we act as a liaison with state and federal agencies in regard to issues related to home education. In fact, the state department of education, the Texas Education Agency, frequently refers calls received by that agency regarding home education to our organization for verification or resolution.

Ms. V__ P__ is a member of our association and home schools her daughter, H__ P__. H__ is currently a junior, and the home school program in which she is enrolled full-time meets all the provisions required by the state of Texas. Her expected date of graduation is December 2016. Due to her learning disabilities, independent education experts have recommended that H__ continue home schooling, as her parents have done in the past, until around age 21.

Public schools in the state of Texas allow students with disabilities to continue their enrollment until this age, because studies have shown that extended schooling benefits students with special needs. Home schooling has greatly improved H__'s situation, due to the ability to tailor her schooling to her specific learning styles, and has been a choice supported by both of her parents.

Home schools have been determined by the courts of Texas to be private schools. According to Texas Family Code §154.002, child support may continue beyond the age of 18 through high school graduation if the child is a full-time student pursuing a high school diploma in a private school. Policy in the attorney general's office is clear on this point, and Ms. P__'s legal right to child support under Texas law should be recognized and fulfilled.

Should you wish to discuss the matter with me further I would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert, President

CC: Ms. V__ P__, State Senator Larry Taylor, State Representative Ron Reynolds, State Representative Ed Thompson, Texas home schoolers