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Dear Mr, Knollenberg,

My name is Jacob Schmid. I am 12 years old, and attend Northville Christian School. I am also a member of Boy Scout troop 407, from Novi, Michigan and am working on my citizenship in the nation merit badge.

Recently in the news I heard about the state of California taking away the rights of families to homeschool. I am writing today to share my view about homeschooling in Michigan.

I was homeschooled through third grade. My Mom is a pharmacist and my Dad an engineer, so they were well prepared to teach me. I enjoyed learning at home and spending time with my family, especially when I was so young. I liked going to field trips, participating in co-ops, and playing educational games. When I enrolled at Northville Christian School, I was tested and placed well into my fourth grade year.

I think families should have the right to choose the type of schooling that best suits them. People have different learning styles and schools only cater to the visual style of learning. If a state isn't sure students are learning at home, they could have them take a standardized test every now and then, to show what they know. This would be a better idea than taking away the right to homeschool.

The state of Michigan has been friendly to homeschoolers and I hope it continues. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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