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Mr Mervyn Storey  
Chairman of The Education Committee  
Stormont  
Belfast  
BT4 3XX.

Dear Mr Storey

Education Bill

As a parent of a child in a school which operate the Voluntary Principle of school governance, I write to express my horror at the Education Bill that is currently being debated in the Assembly. The manner in which the Bill has been drafted is to dismantle the influence of voluntary grammar schools and render the sector effectively redundant in future discussion about education in Northern Ireland.

As you well know, the Voluntary Sector is responsible for educating approximately one third of all pupils in the post-primary sector and it is shameful that the Bill is a concerted attempt to write the sector out of future influence.

The Bill, in its current form, is flawed and requires amendment or total redrafting.

I exhort you to hear the voice of one third of the pupil parent body in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

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