



Texas Home School Coalition ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to Serving and Protecting the Home School Community of Texas

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Kenneth Marcantel, Caseworker
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Central File Maintenance
P.O. Box 12048
Austin, TX 78711

RE: Case #_____, Cause # _____

Dear Mr. Marcantel,

By way of introduction, let me state that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide advocacy organization for home educators, with almost 60,000 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. S____ P____ is a member of our association and home schools her daughter, K____ P____. K____ is currently a senior, 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 was May 30, 2014.

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 eighteen 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. Phelps' 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. S____ P____; Etta Jarmon, AG Supervisor, Office of the Attorney General; Charles Smith, Deputy for Child Support, Office of the Attorney General; State Senator Kirk Watson; State Representative Elliott Naishtat

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