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Dear Honorable Members of Parliament, thank you for aiming to give our community lives that are free from discrimination. After reading the current discussion paper looking at modernising the current discrimination act I have a concern and would ask that you would consider it when drafting the new act and then ensure the process of legislating it is really transparent.

I am a mother living in Anula who chooses to send her children to a Christian school. Christian schools should have the freedom to choose their staff and policies according to their biblical beliefs without being accused of "offending and insulting" which is a very subjective term in today's society. Without reasonable protection, Christian schools, already running on a shoe string budget, will spend much of their time, energy and money defending themselves against frivolous claims in court. I don't think this is really your intention. Christian schools are quite clear in what they teach. If people don't want this, they are free to go to state or non-religious private schools. Christians have the right to say what they believe if it is done in a respectful way.

Please protect our freedom of religion by not legislating against our beliefs by including vilification provisions in the act that are subjective.

Yours Faithfully,
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