

To whom it may concern:

I am a strong supporter of nature preschools and have personally watched my two sons thrive and flourish as a result of nature preschool programming. My son Isaac, now 8, attended Tree of Life at Kol Shalom from age 3 to age 5. If there was an opportunity to send him for kindergarten at the time, I would not have hesitated. My son Wren is currently in his first year at Tree of Life nature preschool and despite never having been in a daycare situation before, he has transitioned seamlessly thanks to the engaging programming of nature preschool. He is immersed daily in outside play and learning. He comes home discussing experiences, exploring, and experiments they have conducted. He has made friends and learned so much in just a few short months.

I strongly believe every child should have access to outdoor nature education and preschool. I am a tremendous supporter of Bill 525 and undoubtedly believe it should be passed.

Sincerely,  
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