The Chairperson:

Select Committee on Finance

Parliament

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Dear Chairperson

**Bursary tax exemption – Public Hearings 24 November 2020**

Please see below my written submission to the Select Committee on Finance of Parliament for the public hearings to be held on 24 November 2020.

I have a school-going brother, ThandolwethuGwarube, aged, 17 whose education I can afford to pay only because of a bursary that I have through my employer. I voluntarily sacrifice from my total monthly earnings the amount of his education fees and since I then pay less tax on my already small income, I can support the rest of our family.

Our government has been kind enough to offer this ability to my family and other families who, like mine, would never be able to afford our child’s education if this ability is taken away.

Please consider my family and many hundreds like mine, when you sit and discuss on the 24th November, whether my ability to pay the school feesunder this present facility should be removed or not.

If it is removed, I will have no choice than to take my brother out of the present school and hopefully find a school much further away, if they will allow it and then face even more travel costs. I will just not have the money to do it all.

My child’s education would have to become the responsibility of the government.

There are many many mothers like me.

Please don’t take away my ability to educate my brother.

Thank you for your consideration

ALUTA GWARUBE

(A sister)