

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 daughter, Tshimologo Ntonga, aged, 7 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 her 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 fees under this present facility should be removed or not.

If it is removed, I will have no choice than to take my daughter 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 daughter.

Thank you for your consideration

 2020/11/20
Zanele Gqetsu

(A mother)