## **Petition to the UK Government**

## **Opposition to the Children's Wellbeing and School Bill 2025**

To the Honorable Members of the UK Government and the Department for Education,

As a UK citizen and a member of the Charedi (strictly orthodox) Jewish community, I formally submit this petition to voice my unequivocal opposition to the proposed **'Children's Wellbeing and School Bill 2025'**. Provisions of this Bill fail to protect the cultural and religious practices of a vibrant and devoted ethnic community. We will be unable to comply with its requirements, as to do so would violate the Torah. This is not a matter of personal preference, but an unshakeable commitment to our religious principles.

The Charedi community is steadfast in its commitment to education and the wellbeing of our children. Our results are definitely not behind others. For generations, we have successfully educated our children in accordance with our faith-based approach that nurtures their intellectual, moral, and spiritual development. However, the Bill imposes requirements that are incompatible with our religious obligations, it erodes the rights enshrined in UK law to freely practice our religion.

This is not merely a Charedi issue. It is a test of the government's commitment to safeguarding the rights of all its citizens. This legislation contradicts the principles of freedom, diversity, and inclusion that have historically made the UK a beacon of hope for all communities, it threatens to undermine that legacy and sets a dangerous precedent for the marginalization of faith-based communities.

We urge the government to reconsider the Children's Wellbeing and School Bill 2025, to respect and accommodate our community's needs. Legislative changes must not come at the cost of infringing upon fundamental religious freedoms. Legislation must include a clear exemption protecting our religious rights.

Should this bill be passed as it stands, and the government will attempt to enforce it upon us, we would be left with no choice but to leave the UK, a nation we have been proud to call home for generations.

<u>I call on the Government and the Department for Education to withdraw the parts of the Bill, that are infringing upon fundamental religious freedom</u>, allowing us to freely practice our religion. By doing so, you will send a powerful message that religious communities have a voice, a place, and a future in Britain.

Thank you for giving your attention to this urgent and very important matter.

Sincerely

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:(optional)

Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

I am a UK citizen. □ UK Residence. □ I am over 18 years of age.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_