*Insert Address of Government Official*

*Insert date*

*Dear x*

**I am writing on behalf of [X organisation/network] to highlight concerning findings in the recent 2022 Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report Youth Report on non-state actors in education: Who chooses? Who loses?**

The Report warns that weak oversight of private actors is leading to rising inequality in education and excluding the most marginalised children. It calls for governments to fulfil the promise they made to provide 1 year of pre-primary and 12 years of free primary and secondary education for all. The Report finds that costs for private education including private tuition, technologies and school fees are too high and are increasing the financial burden on low-income households.

Globally, 3.2% of household budgets is spent on education on average but that rises to 6% in countries where a high share of enrolment is in private schools and sits at x% in [insert name of your country]. New analysis shows that an estimated 8% of households borrow. In [insert name of your country], x% of families have to borrow.

The sharp cost of education is especially felt by those who are trapped in poverty, creating a vicious cycle and further entrenching societal inequalities.

Our [x organisation/network] wholeheartedly supports the full implementation of country commitments to SDG4 to provide free primary and secondary education for all.

We call on your Ministry to address this issue head on through the effective regulation and oversight of non-state providers as well as stronger financing for quality public education.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss this issue further.

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