

- Dear Representative,
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As a citizen of MN I am very concerned about the bill HF 875. I ask you to OPPOSE HF 875. I do not agree with this bill and ask that it be shot down. Public education does NOT need to be part of the MN Constitution. I feel we could be spending time on much more productive and helpful issues for our schools. I am shocked at the wasted time and money currently being overseen with school districts. Our state should never make a schooling option forced upon the public. School choice is an absolute freedom that all kids and families have a right to. This bill seeks to remove schooling choices that every family should have the freedom to decide for themselves. Whether public, charter, private or homeschool...EVERY child should have a choice for their education. Many great people in history and current successful people were educated in an alternative education form (charter, private or homeschool) Sincerely, Katie and Cory O. (Alexandria, MN)

Here are a few names of people that have received a successful education outside of public schools, there is no reason to change wording in the MN Constitution, school choice must be kept!!! ...

- Tim Tebow– NFL Quarterback and Motivational Speaker
- Justin Bieber– Musician
- Bethany Hamilton– Professional Surfer
- Arran Fernandez– Mathematician, Young Prodigy
- Emma Watson– Actress famous for her role in Harry Potter series
- Julian Trevelyan– Young Concert Pianist
- Esperanza Spalding– Grammy Winning Musician and Child Prodigy
- Venus and Serena Williams– Professional Tennis Players
- Condoleeza Rice– Former Secretary of State
- Sage Katsenberg– Olympic Snowboarder

- Alexander the Great – Greek Ruler

- George Washington Carver
- Pierre Curie
- Albert Einstein
- Michael Faraday – electrochemist
- Oliver Heaviside – physicist and electromagnetism researcher
- T.H. Huxley
- Blaise Pascal
- Booker T. Washington
- Erik Demaine – Popular Science Mag: One of the Most Brilliant Scientists in America

- William Blake
 - John Singleton Copley
 - Claude Monet
 - Grandma Moses
 - Charles Peale
 - Leonardo da Vinci
 - Andrew Wyeth
 - Jamie Wyeth
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- Alexander Graham Bell – invented the telephone
 - John Moses Browning – firearms inventor and designer
 - Peter Cooper – invented skyscraper, built first U.S. commercial locomotive
 - Thomas Edison – invented the stock ticker, mimeograph, phonograph, and perfected the electric light bulb
 - Benjamin Franklin – invented the lightning rod
 - Elias Howe – invented sewing machine
 - William Lear – airplane creator
 - Cyrus McCormick – invented grain reaper
 - Guglielmo Marconi – developed radio
 - Eli Whitney – invented the cotton gin
 - Sir Frank Whittle – invented turbo jet engine
 - Orville and Wilbur Wright – built the first successful airplane
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- Irving Berlin
 - Anton Bruckner
 - Noel Coward
 - Felix Mendelssohn
 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
 - Francis Poulenc
 - John Philip Sousa
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- Abigail Adams – Wife of John Adams; mother of John Quincy Adams
 - Ansel Adams – Photographer
 - Susan B. Anthony – reformer and women’s rights leader
 - John James Audubon – ornithologist and artist
 - Clara Barton – Started the Red Cross
 - Elizabeth Blackwell – first woman in the U.S. to receive a medical degree
 - John Burroughs – Naturalist
 - George Rogers Clark – Explorer
 - Davy Crockett – frontiersman
 - Eric Hoffer – social philosopher
 - Sam Houston – lawyer; first president of the Republic of Texas

- Charles Evans Hughes – jurist; Chief Justice
 - Mary D. Leakey – fossil hunter; wife of Richard Leakey
 - Tamara McKinney – World Cup Skier
 - Harriet Martineau – first woman sociologist
 - Margaret Mead – cultural anthropologist
 - John Stuart Mill – Free-market Economist
 - Charles Louis Montesquieu – Philosopher
 - John Muir – naturalist
 - Florence Nightingale – Nurse
 - Thomas Paine – political writer during the American Revolution
 - Bill Ridell – Newspaperman
 - Will Rogers – Humorist
 - Bertrand Russell – Logician
 - Jim Ryan – World Runner
 - Albert Schweitzer – Physician
 - Sir Ernest Shackleton – Explorer
 - Herbert Spencer – philosopher, sociologist
 - Gloria Steinem – founder and long-time editor of Ms. magazine
 - Jason Taylor – plays in the National Football League
 - Mary Walker – Civil War physician; recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor
 - Lester Frank Ward – “Father of American Sociology”
 - Martha Washington – wife of George Washington
 - Frances E. C. Willard – educator, temperance leader, and suffragist
 - Frank Lloyd Wright – Architect
 - Elijah ben Solomon Zalman – Jewish scholar
 - Balaram Stack – Award winning Surfer
 - Lia Del Priore – Award Winning Gymnast
 - Taylor Gladstone – Ballerina
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