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Dear Minnesota Representatives:

Thank you so much for the work you do to make our state such a wonderful place to raise our children, a state with a nationwide reputation for solid education.

I taught for six years at Randolph Public Schools in Randolph, MN and for five years at Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis before teaching at the University of Northwestern, St. Paul and now teaching homeschool; and I can tell you that whether rural or urban, whether elementary or high school, whether public or private, Minnesota schools have solid administration and fabulous teachers using a great variety of curriculum to teach our state's children and prepare them for their unique futures.

As a teacher, I am opposed to HF874 with its vague wording of "quality public education" and "right" to be determined by either courts or state inspectors. I believe that teachers, school boards, and parents, all of whom work directly with the children in their communities should continue to be able to make the most important, controlling decisions about their children's learning.

Our children are not "cookie-cutter" students, but individuals growing up in unique communities with specific skill sets that need to be developed for their best futures. Letting the people of each diverse community who know their students determine how best to educate them makes good sense and has worked well for Minnesota for years.

Please reject HF874 in order to continue enabling our state's school boards, teachers and parents whether working with public, private or home schools to prepare our state's young citizens to serve in their diverse communities according to their unique skills.

I am proud to be a licensed teacher here in the great state of Minnesota and look forward to continuing to serve both you and my community in the classroom for many years. Please don't hinder my ability to meet each student's unique needs.

Thank you again for your time and your service.

Sincerely,

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