

Dear Minnesota State Legislatures,

My name is Tammy Irion and I live in Fergus Falls, MN. As a homeschool Mom of 4 who has been homeschooling for over 10 years, I strongly oppose HF 874.

I choose homeschooling for three reasons:

1. Character formation
2. Close family relationships
3. Strong academic performance

I believe smaller teacher/student ratios have allowed my kids to tap into their full potential. To give you an idea of how successful homeschooling is for our family, our 13 year old son is on pace to graduate with a college degree at almost the same time he will graduate High School.

Homeschooling is too valuable to be threatened by changing the Minnesota State Constitution. If ever there was a time for our nation to appreciate the value and potential of homeschooling this is the time.

Homeschool families have enough challenges without facing threats from our elected officials. Homeschoolers are a minority and if anything, Minnesota's elected officials should find ways to support and protect our rights to homeschool, rather than under minding our homeschooling freedoms.

Sincerely,

Tammy Irion