

My name is Carisa Cegavske and I am opposed to SB 291

Happy Valentine's Day. What a great day to come here and talk about our love for our children. That's the reason we homeschool.

I want to tell you about a child who left school for homeschool. 7 year old Thomas was bright but at school he couldn't sit still in his seat, or pay attention to lessons. So his mother took him out of school and taught him at home. He didn't need a monitor or testing, or a remediation plan. All he needed was his mother's love and the freedom to learn at his own pace. Did this boy succeed in life? Well, you be the judge. He was Thomas Edison. Now I can't promise you that one of the homeschool parents here is raising the next Edison. But I can't promise you that they aren't either.

→ I am a Democrat, a liberal & mother of home school child.

Senator Ryan believes his legislation will not affect "good" homeschoolers, but it will. My son is a highly gifted 8 year old with unique learning needs. He suffered in school. At home, he has blossomed. Right now, his passion is for Ancient History and he wants to learn Latin. If you approve government testing, which is based on artificial timelines for who should learn what, when, I will have to spend less time on history and Latin and more time drilling Alex on spelling and math facts. I will have to find out what is on the test and teach to it. Studies show that parental involvement and small class sizes - NOT tests - are key to educational success. We are involved parents with small classes and we are succeeding. Government oversight will hinder, not help, by limiting our freedom to be creative and adapt to our kids' needs.

Put up a wall if behind which he is such a great.

Please, spend your money providing more teachers & leave us alone.

Section 8 - testing

No provision for private testing

SOME FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO HOMESCHOOLED PART OR ALL OF THEIR EDUCATION

ANSEL ADAMS, famous photographer

JOHN ADAMS, second U.S. president

LOUISA MAY ALCOTT, author of *Little Women*

AGATHA CHRISTIE, mystery writer

THOMAS EDISON, inventor

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, who went to school only from
ages 8-10**

C.S. LEWIS, author of the *Chronicles of Narnia*

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 16th president of the U.S., tutored
and self taught**

MARGARET MEAD, anthropologist

BEATRIX POTTER, writer

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, architect

**VIRGINIA WOOLF, author
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