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## **Support the Termination of the Department of Education, H.R. 899**

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to cosponsor legislation to terminate the Department of Education, H.R. 899. Introduced by Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), this bill would do one simple thing -- hand matters of education back to those with whom they belong: state and local communities.

Rep. Massie's bill is short, sweet, and to the point, reading "The Department of Education shall terminate on December 31, 2020." In a release, he said, "Unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. should not be in charge of our children's intellectual and moral development. States and local communities are best positioned to shape curricula that meet the needs of their students."

To this, we would add that nowhere in the base text of the Constitution, nor in the Bill of Rights, nor in the remainder of the 27 amendments, does the word "education" appear once. Therefore, in accordance with the Tenth Amendment, education is a power not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, not prohibited by it to the States, so is therefore reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

This is as it should be. The federal government should have no business in education. Fully removing its current involvement would benefit students nationwide and bring our education system in line with the Constitution. For these reasons, I urge you to contact your representative and ask him or her to cosponsor H.R. 899 to terminate the Department of Education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Brandon".

Adam Brandon  
President, FreedomWorks