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Dear Mr. Welch,

Would you be interested in an article on how to get the federal government out of the education business? As an advocate of educational freedom, I've written a half-dozen books on the subject. I was a contributor to *reason* back in the days of Bob Poole.

Just about everyone admits that the fed's involvement in education has not improved it. In fact, it has added to its failures and promises to compound those failures even more.

In 2007, the National Foundation for the Arts issued an alarming report, *Reading at Risk*, on the continued decline of literacy in America. This, despite the fact that more money is being thrown at public education by the fed than ever before. The solution is radical but simple: get the federal government out of education so that the states can deal with their education problems on a more realistic basis. Indeed, my solution is to privatize all of the public schools so that they can become as good as our best private schools.

In Shikha Dalmia's recent interview with Terry Moe, he said: "We need a legal system that would facilitate a national system of technologically based schools." In other words, he's still thinking of a government led national system of schools, which is the last thing we need. As a great advocate of home schooling, I believe that government contributes nothing to true education. Indeed it has replaced true education with socialist indoctrination, and whether that is done via textbooks or high-tech computers makes no difference. You cannot have a truly free society without educational freedom.

I hope this proposal interests you, and if so, please let me know by email. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel L. Blumenfeld