

Monday March 6, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I am asking that this letter become part of the Written Testimony for Wednesday's hearing.

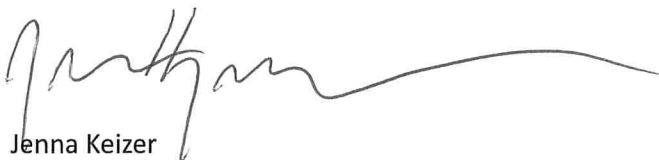
I am opposed to the amendment to SF 1311 and ask that you strike the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311 which states: *"An eligible institution must not require a faith statement during the application process or base any part of the admission decision on a student's gender or sexual orientation or religious beliefs or affiliations"*.

My reason for opposition is that as a high school school counselor, I have seen many of my students benefit from PSEO. My students' desire to be challenged academically beyond what a high school institution can offer them but they still want to be a part of the high school experience. Additionally, I have seen PSEO programs benefit students who I know will struggle to pay for a post-secondary education. In keeping these programs within faith-based colleges and universities, this will allow students with much less college debt.

I desire for my students to have the freedom to choose the post secondary institution that is best for them. At this time, 25% of PSEO students attend PSEO at faith-based institutions. This would dramatically impact many of them who are trying to receive an advanced education. Additionally, in removing PSEO programs from faith-based institutions, this will force students to pursue PSEO options at secular universities which will limit choices available to all students.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenna Keizer', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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