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**Re:** SF-1311

**I want this letter to become part of the written testimony for Wednesday's hearing.**

I strongly oppose the amendment to SF-1311 and ask that lawmakers strike the language in 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.*

Flexibility and educational options when evaluating PSEO programs are extremely important and valuable. Every college and university offers a different experience. We want our grandchildren to have the freedom to choose the post-secondary institution that is the best fit for them, whether secular or faith-based. This legislation amendment takes away the option of the latter.

Again, I strongly urge you to oppose the amendment to SF-1311 and ask that lawmakers strike the language in lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311.

Sincerely,

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