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Dear Education Policy Committee Chair Cwodzinski,

I would like to hereby inform you of my opposition to the the amendment to SF 1311 and ask that the Policy committee **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.

As an administrator in a private high school, I have personally worked with many, many students that have benefited from the Minnesota PSEO program in both their personal and professional leadership and educational growth. It is important for Minnesota students to have the freedom to choose the post secondary institution that is the best fit for them and these programs are providing needed classes for the growing number of students accessing the PSEO option. These students are entering adulthood with much less if no college debt because of this program

Currently approximately 25% of PSEO students attend PSEO at faith based institutions. Forcing students away from faith based colleges will increase competition for PSEO spots at secular universities and will limit the choices available to all students. Students state-wide have many choices about what institutions from which to get their PSEO credits, so no one is obligated to attend a faith-based college for PSEO.

In conclusion, I want to go on record as opposing the amendment to SF 1311 and ask that the committee strike the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311. Thank you for taking this into consideration.

This is my written testimony and I'm asking for you to add this to the written record.

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