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Dear Committee members,

I am writing this letter requesting that it become part of the Written Testimony for the hearing of SF1311.

I am opposed to this amendment and ask that you strike the language on lines 19.8 to 19.11 of the original version of the 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.

We have three adult children who benefitted greatly from the PSEO option. Our oldest son was able to complete his RN and Family Nurse Practitioner by the age of 24 because of his ability to take college level classes in high school. He is now 25 years old and now a professional FNP in a clinic setting helping others in our community.

Our second son was able to complete his college level BSN and graduate during the pandemic early. This enabled him to quickly get a job and be a part of the working business community.

Our third daughter has successfully completed several PSEO classes in high school and graduating in May with hopes of applying her PSEO classes to her undergraduate degree. She is hopeful that she can complete her undergraduate degree in three years, so she can attend law school to become a Immigration lawyer.

All of our adult children have effectively utilized their PSEO classes to contribute to the working services of our community. The PSEO opportunity also helped our children finance their education and graduate either debt free or with a significantly lower amount of debt.

I believe in a country where we have freedom of choice, this should also apply to where a student should have the freedom to choose the post-secondary institution that is the best fit for them.

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. Therefore, I again oppose the language in the SF 1311 amendment as stated at the beginning of this letter.

Thank you for your time and consideration of persevering our American freedoms and choices in education for the betterment of our communities future.

Respectfully,

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