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To Whom it May Concern:

Please enter this letter as part of the written testimony at the hearings on bill HF1269/SF 1311.

We are fully opposed to the amendment to SF 1311 and ask to **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.”*

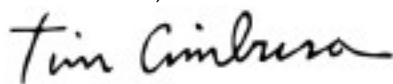
This language unfairly targets faith-based institutions as an option. Today 25% of PSEO students attend these institutions.

I have two daughters that have been able to take PSEO classes and benefitted greatly by the opportunity to have college level education while in high school. As such they are also able to enter adulthood with less college debt because of this program.

I want all students to have the freedom to choose the post-secondary institution that is the best fit for them. 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.

No one is obligated to attend a faith-based college for PSEO. There are many options. Every college and university offers a different experience. The freedom to choose which institution is the best fit is essential.

Thank You,



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