

To the Minnesota Senate

I would like to take this opportunity as a Minnesotan to state my opposition to the amendment to SF 1311. I am asking that you would 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 race, creed, ethnicity, disability, gender, or sexual orientation or religious beliefs or affiliations."

The reason for my request is that I personally have benefited both academically and professionally from the PSEO program. I was raised in a one income family and the PSEO program made my college education attainable and affordable. PSEO allowed me to attend the post secondary institution that was a great fit for me and where I was able to attend classes taught by passionate and very knowledgeable professors who counseled and mentored me. The connections I found in college helped me get the job I now have.

I want to reiterate that I oppose the amendment to SF 1311 and would ask that you strike the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311.

Thank you for your time.

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