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RE: HF1269/SF1311

Dear MN Senate,

We want our letter to become part of the written testimony for Wednesday's hearing.

We are writing you today to voice our opposition to the amendment SF 1311 and ask that the following language be removed 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.

The PSEO option is great for our High School students to get a step ahead in academics and also help keep the overall cost of college affordable by earning general requirements that PSEO can achieve while in still in high school. Students should have the freedom to choose the post-secondary institution that fits them best. 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.

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