

Hello, I understand that a pending bill, HF 1269/SF 1311, includes language that would prevent many faith-based colleges and universities from participating in PSEO. Such a drastic step will have an immense negative impact on our children and our communities. These schools are providing excellent opportunities for our children to excel and for college to be more affordable. In an age where college costs are skyrocketing and many families will struggle to send their children to college, the action that is being considered will have an even greater chilling effect on the availability and affordability of college for many families, including our family.

I am opposed to SF 1311 and HF 2291. For the good of our state and our children, please strike the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF 1311 and lines 18.13 through 18.16 of HF 2291.

PSEO can provide excellent opportunities for the next generation to grow in leadership and academic abilities. Our communities have been through much with the pandemic and other challenges. Please do not take this unnecessary action which will further burden Minnesota families and set back our children's future.

For these reasons and others, I am opposed to SF 1311 and HF 2291.

Thank you for your consideration.

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