

Please include this letter as part of opposition to the MN Education bills and strike the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311.

As long-time MN voters and citizens, we 1000% oppose the provisions that deny faith-based private institutions to provide PSEO options. Our family has utilized PSEO through both Crown College and Northwestern University for our high-school students to be able to learn at a faster pace with better instruction and lower the overall cost of a 4year degree.

We believe every family and every student should have the right to the PSEO option, and from the institution of their own choosing including faith based institutions. We do not want to see any student or family denied these options and opportunities.

- We want students to have the freedom to choose the post secondary institution that is the best fit for them.
- 25% of PSEO students attend PSEO at faith-based institutions in MN today
- These programs are providing needed classes for the growing number of students accessing the PSEO option.
- 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.
- Students are entering adulthood with much less college debt because of this program.
- 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.

Please accept this email & use it to represent us -- and our opposition to these proposed changes to MN education.

**Sincerely
Chris & Barbara Cook
(from shared email with wife Barbara)**