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Good afternoon,

I would like this letter to become part of the written testimony opposing bill SF-1311.

I am opposed to the amendment to SF-1311. Please 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."

I directly benefitted from taking PSEO courses my junior and senior years of high school. I, along with many of my friends and peers, greatly enjoyed the academic challenge of taking college courses while still in high school. I am opposed to this bill because it reduces the number of institutions at which high school students can attend as PSEO students. Due to the fact that I was able to attend a university near my home as a PSEO student, I now, as a nineteen-year-old, currently hold a junior standing in college. Taking college courses as a high school student allowed me to further my pursuit of personal and professional leadership and education growth.

For these reasons, I am strongly opposed to the amendment to SF-1311.

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