March 6, 2023

MN Senate Committee St. Paul, MN

Mrs. Danna Elling and Reagan Greene,

I respectfully request that you include this letter as part of the Written Testimony for Wednesday's Senate hearing regarding the K-12 Education Policy omnibus bill.

I am opposed to the amendment to SF 1311 and ask that **they 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 gender or sexual orientation or religious beliefs or affiliations.

As a Junior, he will be enrolled in PSEO classes allowing him to advance college level credits that would benefit him while balancing being a college student athlete and his academic goals. He should have the freedom to choose the post secondary institution that is the best fit for him including some faith-based colleges that he is already interested in. 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.

I do not see the need to include lines 19.8 through 19.11of the original version of SF-1311. Please consider my opposition while considering this amendment.

Thank you,

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