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Dear Senate Committee,

Please strike the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of the SF-1311 which says: "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."

I believe the best future for Minnesota would be to allow students to choose the best fit for PSEO, with no limitations on their personal choice. This should be an open choice for students, with no restrictions based on this bill.

Although this bill could impact our daughters, we know it will impact many high school students. 25% of PSEO students attend PSEO at faith-based institutions. Eliminating this option would not only cause financial ramifications for these institutions and the Minnesota constituents that work at the institutions, but it would dramatically impact the freedom of high school students to select the institution that is the best fit for their personal learning environment. These limitations would not be an appropriate outcome for our future PSEO students; nor would they teach Minnesota's high school students the value and importance of freedom and liberty.

We oppose this amendment.

Thank you,

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