

Attention Senate Committee,

I am writing you to state our opposition to the amendment to SF 1311. I ask that you, **strike the language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311**. This is taking away our right and freedom to choose where we want our children to get an education from. We highly value these schools and have our children currently attending PSEO programs. We have 5 children, 2 which are in high school and taking PSEO classes from a private school. They are an incredible opportunity to help the younger generation get a jump start to their college education. There should be no reason why we can't continue to use these schools, and the amazing programs they have to offer, nor should we expect them to change their wording and guidelines. There are plenty of other schools out there, (public) that are open to this type of verbiage. Why attack the private schools, people should have the right to attend the type school of their choice. Especially when looking at a certain degree or career that is specialized by some of these schools. I request you do not make this change, here is a summary to why....

- 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.
- 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.

Thank you for time and consideration.

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