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I am writing regarding the language stated in the amendment to SF 1311. The language on lines 19.8 through 19.11 greatly affects freedom of religious beliefs. Current proposal hinders students I teach from being able to take PESO classes in the future. If this language included anything about the LGBT community or any other race state prohibiting students from such things it would not be tolerated.

The statement including "must not require a faith statement", prohibits freedom to associate with personal beliefs should not be just one sided. Everyone should be able to have their beliefs without being restricted to education, this includes religious beliefs. No group should be excluded in this statement in SF 1311. This statement alone says religious beliefs are okay, but you cannot have faith statements associated with your religious beliefs. This does not seem to be an accurate representation of what is meant to not be part of the admissions decision.

Please consider to **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.*

Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,



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