

To: Senate Education Policy Committee  
From: Ann Marie Marshall

Sending this written notification that my husband John and I are strongly opposed to the amendment to SF 1311 and ask that you 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. This is in direct conflict with our constitutional rights.

**This is my written testimony and I am asking for you to add this letter to the Written record for Wednesday's hearing.**

My daughter is a freshman at the University of Kansas and greatly benefitted in her personal leadership and educational growth from having the opportunity to take these classes in high school. She was able to take these classes and get access to college level experience while being supported by her HS staff because of her dyslexia. This was a very important part of getting her ready for college and helping her to succeed now at KU. We feel strongly that others should have the right to the same access regardless of what high school in Minnesota they attend.

Have you considered the following?

- Students should 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.
- President Biden is trying to find ways to lessen the financial burden of college for all students and 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 your attention to this important matter. Once again, I am sending this written notification that my husband John and I are strongly opposed to the amendment to SF 1311 and ask that you strike the language on lines 19.9 through 19.11 of the original version of SF-1311.

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