

March, 6, 2023

Dear Senate Committee,

I am asking my elected reps to note my opposition to the amendment to SF1311. I'm asking them to strike the language on line 19.8 -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.

I love the PSEO program that we have for our kids. It's one way they are able to go to college and come out with WAY LESS DEBT! It means the difference between no degree and getting a degree for many students who were like my own children- kids whose families were hardworking and middle class but didn't have the means to send them to college.

PSEO means you can come out of high school with a 2-year degree in hand if you plan right, and that should be available for every student, even the ones who want to go to a faith-based school for their PSEO experience. Not allowing faith-based colleges to participate in PSEO means more people competing for places in the other schools, and someone will be turned away. Also, if a student wants to get a 4-year degree at a faith based school, and can't go there for PSEO, they will be paying for extra classes to finish at their school of choice, and come out with **more student debt**.

Please strike out the language on this bill and continue to let our young people have the freedom to choose where they want to attend PSEO.

Please also include my letter in the written testimony for the hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

Sincerely,  
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