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To Whom It May Concern,


I am writing a letter to become part of the Written Testimony for Wednesday's hearing. I am asking that you strike the language in 19.8 through 19.11 of the original SF-1311 version 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 am opposed to the above writing because this is clearly targeting faith-based universities as part of a PSEO program. I think when you add this language to the bill you are impacting the right of student choice. Below are a couple of my concerns when you add this:

- Students no longer will have the opportunity to decide on a secondary institution that best meets their needs and is the right fit for each individual.
- While this might increase enrollment opportunities at secular institutions, this might decrease the amount of opportunities a student has in choosing classes all across the board.
- 25% of PSEO students are faith-based institutions, this affects a large portion of the PSEO program.

Once again, these are only a couple of my concerns with this new bill, I am in opposition to this amendment, and I hope that you eliminate this new verbiage.

Thank you for considering,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Keizer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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