

Dear Senate Leaders,

I am writing to share my opposition 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.*

My daughters attend a school that offers PSEO classes from a variety of schools but that includes colleges that would have these faith statements. They have benefited greatly in these both through helping reduce future college debt as well as gaining a variety of learning.

We want students to have the freedom to choose the post secondary institution that is the best fit for them. Approximately a quarter of PSEO students attend PSEO at faith-based institutions, and these institutions would be punished unnecessarily when there are clearly other choices available. 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.

I am strongly opposed to this legislation and I rarely write letters on any proposed bills. Please keep choices open in high school and PSEO education. My daughter will be impacted in this regard.

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