

Senator,

HF 1269 / SF 1311 lines 19.8 through 19.11 clearly discriminates against faith based colleges and university's wishing to participate in the Minnesota state sponsored PSEO early college program. I have 5 children, 3 of which have already benefited from the PSEO program with hopes my last 2 children will also have the ability to experience. 25% of our state's PSEO students attend faith based colleges and universities. With those schools no longer available, high school students will have to compete for 25% less spots available to experience early college at the non-faith based PSEO supporting colleges and universities in the state. PSEO students will enter adulthood with less college debt, which reduces the need for national programs like the student loan forgiveness program proposed by the President. Including faith based colleges and universities in the PSEO program benefits all Minnesotans. We should be expanding the PSEO program, not reduce it as this bill proposes.

Please strike this language on the original version of HF 1269 / 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.*

Every bill and legislation can to remove rights from one group of people and/or give rights to another group. This bill is removing rights from all Minnesotans by increasing competition for the limited PSEO spots available by removing 25% of the current students from benefiting from the program, no other group is getting a new benefit. It is a lose/lose proposition. Please consider your duty to all Minnesotan's carefully.

Regards,

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