

Dear Senator,

I am in opposition to the amendment to SF 1311 and ask to **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 appears to be clearly targeting faith-based universities and appears designed to prevent faith-based colleges and universities from participating in PSEO, we are discouraging including verbiage about your personal faith in your letters as faith-specific language in your letters could be detrimental to these institutions.

**I ask:**

- We want students to 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.
- 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.

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Sincerely,

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