

Dear Senators,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email. I'm writing to you as I'm opposed 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.

While my kids are just entering high school and not eligible yet for PSEO, this option is something they are all interested in pursuing and would appreciate the freedom to choose the post-secondary institution that is best for them. 25% of PESO students attend PSEO at faith-based institutions. Removing the option of faith-based institutions would eliminate those programs that 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 state-wide have many choice about what institutions from which to get their PSEO credits, so not one is obligated to attend a faith-based college for PSEO. It's no secret that college debt is a real struggle for young adults as they complete college and enter the work force. Students in the PSEO option including faith-based institutions have much less college debt because of this program. Forcing students away from faith-based colleges will increase competition for PSEO spots at secular universities and will limit the choices available for all students.

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