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Dear Education Finance Committee Chair Youakim and Members of the Committee,

I request that this letter becomes part of the written testimony in opposition to bill, HF1269.

PSEO is an amazing opportunity for students to essentially dual enroll for both high school and college courses which will decrease debt loads for them. With today's economy, helping students reduce their college debt load supports our young adults and elevates them into a healthier financial position than being burdened by paying off huge amounts of debt as they start their young independent lives.

PSEO is about choice. The student should have the choice of which school they take PSEO classes at. Eliminating faith based institutions because of a statement of faith does not support choice.

Stop limiting students. Allow them to choose which institution they want to attend for PSEO.

I am not in support of eliminating PSEO for students at institutions with a statement of faith.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Beam
Mother of three (two previous PSEO students)