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

I plead with you to strike the language on lines 69.32 through 70.3 of the DE1 amendment to HF-2497 which states: An eligible institution must not require a faith statement from a secondary student seeking to enroll in a postsecondary course under this section during the application process or base any part of the admission decision on a student's race, creed, ethnicity, disability, gender, or sexual orientation or religious beliefs or affiliations.

Both of our daughters have been able to enroll as secondary students at a private postsecondary institution. I would like for our son to have the same opportunity.

I request that my letter become part of the written testimony in opposition to this bill.

Thank you! Alicia Stone Chaska, MN