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

Our high school aged daughter is making plans to attend PSEO classes next year and she is very excited about it! PSEO classes provide a distinct advantage to earn college credits during high school in order to save time and money.

The provision to bill SF 1311, HF 1269 says that faith-based institutions are no longer PSEO options. That is VERY concerning. I strongly oppose these bills. This would affect thousands of families and at least 17 faith-based Minnesota colleges. This is unfair to students who wish to have the option to attend the college of their liking whether it's faith-based or not.

Superintendents and teachers from faith-based colleges have said that they do not want these changes. They want to be able to teach PSEO learners.

There is no logical reasoning to exclude Christian colleges as an option for PSEO. Christian colleges are teaching the material just like a state college, so Christian colleges should not be excluded from PSEO. PSEO students are not taking christian classes, instead they are taking basic liberal art classes needed to complete a two or four year degree.

Please leave it up to the public school and homeschool students where they want to attend PSEO for their education.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

This is my written testimony and I'm asking for you to add this to the written record in opposition to SF 1311, HF 1269.

Best regards,

Tiffany Gerken