

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

I am opposed to Bill HF1269. I am requesting that my letter becomes part of the written testimony in opposition to the bill HF1269.

To eliminate funding for certain colleges/universities that require a statement of faith shows that the state is discriminating against people of faith. Period. In a state that boasts in its diversity, how could we justify such a blatant Bill?!

Our oldest daughter chose to do PSEO. She worked hard to get good grades in high school so she could choose her college of choice. She pushed herself through PSEO and through college. Because of our financial situation, our children know that if they want to go to college, financing it is all their responsibility. Having the PSEO option has saved her A LOT of anxiety and money. She is now able to be a contributing tax payer and consumer in Minnesota, rather than living at home with us for the next number of years trying to pay off an unsurmountable college debt.

Sincerely,
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