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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Representative Connie Bernardy
Chair, Minnesota House Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy
563 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Dear Members of the House Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy,

I am writing today on behalf of the Macalester College Student Government (MCSG) to express our collective support for the passage of HF3933. This bill has been tirelessly worked on through research conducted by the Minnesota Association of Private College Students (MAPCS) with Macalester represented by our Community Engagement Officer, Ayana Smith-Kooiman.

Through research conducted by various organizations on our campus alone, we have identified that over 16 percent of students on our campus required assistance with obtaining food. The importance of having easy access to nutritional food is vital to the success of all Minnesota college students regardless of if they attend public or private school. This bill has the potential to greatly impact our campus and the other private college in the State of Minnesota and I fully support this change to the Hunger-Free Campus Law.

The Macalester College Student Government hereby endorses the amendment to the Hunger-Free Campus Law. Our members appreciate the willingness of your committee to consider the hard work conducted by the Minnesota Association of Private College Students. In keeping with MCSG's shared vision to advocate for the student body's environmental and social concerns, we hope that this letter of support, along with our desire to make our campus Hunger Free, creates a dialogue amongst the Minnesota State Legislators that results in the passage of this amendment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ayana Smith-Kooiman
MCSG Community Engagement Officer